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COMMENT OF THE DAY

TORY-SOCIALIST FEARS

MANY Conservatives and Socialists fear that the Liberal Party's contribution to the Government's crushing defeat in the Rochdale parliamentary contest last week forebodes a stalemate verdict for the two main parties at the next general election.

At Rochdale, the Government defending a 1,500 majority slumped to the bottom of the poll with 9,827 votes against 17,003 for Liberal and 22,133 for the winning Labour candidate. It was by far the heaviest blow dealt to the Conservatives in a long line of by-election reverses.

Liberals, who now have only five of the 630 House of Commons seats, are elated by their big poll in recent contests. Their National Council have passed a resolution demanding that the largest possible number of candidates should be put in the field at the next general election—due by 1960 at the latest.

Repetition
CONSERVATIVES and Socialists foresee the possibility of a repetition of 1950, when Liberals suddenly threw 475 candidates into a general election.

They only got nine seats, but the outcome of the election—due partly to their intervention, though also affected by Communist candidatures—was the "stalemate" Labour government with a majority of only eight seats compared with a previous 180.

The fall in the Government's prestige to its lowest point since the 1955 general election was the subject of an inquest last weekend by Mr Harold Macmillan and his ministers.

Meeting in groups at the Prime Minister's official country residence, they sought reasons and remedies for the present slump.

All Blame
VISCOUNT Hailsham, Conservative Party Chairman, who directs the election fighting machine, has already said he takes all the blame for the Rochdale result. But in a speech he attacked the Liberals as real cause of the Conservative defeat, and alleged they were a party without policy, aim, philosophy, outlook or ideas.

Some Conservatives have expressed alarm lest Rochdale should tempt their party to make local electoral pacts with Liberals to keep out Socialists at the next general election.

But it is believed the Conservative leadership has no intention of proposing such a bargain. There is equally no sign that the Labour Party is wooing Liberals.

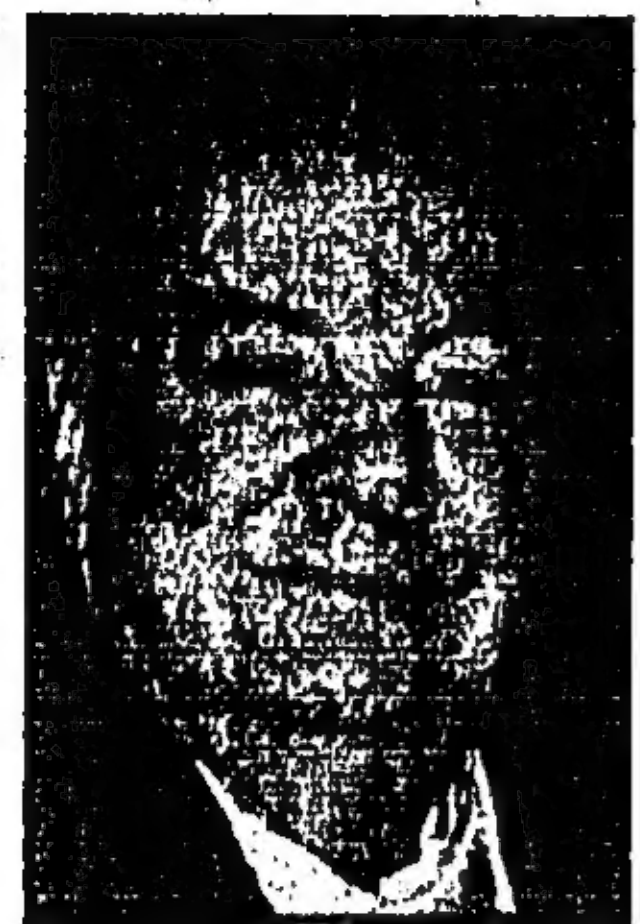
The "middle" party is in any case certain to approach the election cautiously. It had a bitter lesson in 1950, when nearly 400 of its candidates polled so few votes that they lost their deposits.

Opportunity
IN that election, Liberals over the whole country got 2,621,548 votes. Labour received 18,260,592 and Conservatives 12,502,607.

The Liberal leaders say the next general election will be "their finest opportunity for thirty years", but they are certain to be highly selective in attacking seats now held by opponents.

Few politicians see any likelihood of a Liberal mass army on the lines of 1950. But a skillfully waged campaign against the weak points in Conservative and Labour defences might give them a fair number of seats. This could have the effect not only of producing a stalemate but also of giving Liberals a balancing position in the House of Commons.

CHURCHILL DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA



WINSTON CHURCHILL
Grand Old Man

China To Withdraw Army From North Korea

By JACK GEE

Peking, Feb. 19.
The Chinese and North Korean Governments announced today that the Chinese People's "volunteer" force would be completely withdrawn from North Korea by the end of 1958.

In a joint statement issued during the visit to North Korea of the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, said: "Now is a time when the United States and others participating in the United Nations forces are faced with a serious test. If they have any sincerity for the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, they should likewise withdraw all their forces from Korea."

The joint statement added: "Should the United States Government and the Syngman Rhee clique in South Korea go so far as to interpret this initiative of the Korean and Chinese sides as a sign of weakness and think it is a chance to take advantage of them, they will certainly meet with unthinkable consequences."

REACTION AWAITED

The Chinese Government was tonight awaiting world reaction to its spectacular promise today to withdraw its army and to its accompanying challenge to the United States to follow suit.

The offer was announced at the end of a five-day visit to North Korea by Premier Chou whose return to Peking is expected within a few hours.

Mr Chou chose his first visit to the territory of China's neighbour and ally for the most dramatic Chinese diplomatic move since the Geneva conference on the Far East in 1954.

—Reuter.
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HUNDREDS MAROONED

Sydney, Feb. 19.

Fifty-one inches of rain in five days sent a 33-foot wall of water crashing through the North Queensland City of Mackay early Tuesday.

Police said only one was killed but hundreds of others were marooned. A lake five miles wide covered half the city and the swirling waters made rescue work hazardous.

The Pioneer River was 29 feet above normal and in the centre of the city the water was 100 feet deep and still rising.

—United Press.

Monkey Attack

Sydney, Feb. 19.

More than 100 attacks were reported in an 11-year-old boy's legs and arms after he had been savaged by three South American spider monkeys at Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo.

The boy, Milton Kings, of Peakhurst, Sydney, had dropped the monkey pit to retrieve a disappearing piece. — China Mail Special.

Has Good Night & Comfortable Day In Bed

By ROBERT MUSEL

Monte Carlo, Feb. 19.
Sir Winston Churchill's physicians announced tonight that the 83-year-old statesman was suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy.

The physicians had withheld the news for four hours so members of Churchill's family could be told first.

The medical bulletin issued here said Churchill nevertheless was resting comfortably at his Riviera retreat across Monaco Bay.

The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, long-time physician to Sir Winston who flew here from London today and a local physician, Dr David M. Roberts.

Seriousness

The bulletin did not comment on the seriousness of Churchill's condition.

"Sir Winston Churchill is suffering from pneumonia of the base of the lung and pleurisy," it said. "He had a good night and has passed a comfortable day."

Dr Roberts was called yesterday to Churchill's bedside in the plush Riviera mansion at nearby Roquebrune-Cap Martin owned by publisher Emory Roewe.

The former British Prime Minister had complained of being "very tired."

Dr Roberts' preliminary summonsed Lord Moran from London.

Apologised

Tonight Anthony Montague Brown, Churchill's private secretary, brought the medical bulletin to a Monte Carlo hotel where newsmen were waiting by prearrangement.

Brown apologised for the delay in issuing it, explaining he first had to communicate the news to Churchill's son, Randolph, in the United States, and to two of his daughters, Mrs Duncan Sandys and Mrs Christopher Soames, in Britain.

Lady Churchill and their actress-daughter Sarah are at the villa.

Brown was wearing a dinner jacket and did not appear unduly anxious although he declined to answer medical questions.

"If Sir Winston on the danger list?" a reporter asked.

"I cannot answer that but it does not mean yes," Brown said. "He said, 'Sir Winston is in good spirits.'"

"He passed the day reading papers, talking to his family and dealing with correspondence."

Gratitude

Brown said Lady Churchill and the rest of the family wanted to express gratitude to friends, to well-wishers here and overseas and to journalists for not gathering in the narrow private road leading to the villa and for not blocking the phone line.

Earlier in the day Dr Roberts told newsmen that Churchill was suffering from a "chronic bronchial condition" and had smoked two cigars—one after breakfast and the other after lunch.

"He is not going to die," the doctors told newsmen then.

"The only reason for concern is his age."

Thus the medical bulletin came as somewhat of a shock. Churchill has a history of chest diseases dating back to childhood but each time his age is more of a factor.

Brown said he hoped another bulletin would be issued sometime tomorrow but he could not guarantee what time. He thought it might be in the afternoon.

A French riot policeman armed with a 45 calibre pistol guarded the gate to the villa's private road. He said he had "orders to permit no one not belonging to the villa to enter or stroll about."

Churchill has been holidaying at Roquebrune since January 16. — United Press.

THEATRE ROBBED OF \$15,000

Three armed men carried out a daring robbery at the Prince's Theatre at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Nathan Road about 12.30 p.m. yesterday.

In a matter of three minutes, while a large gathering of patrons was waiting in the lobby for admission, the gang entered the theatre office and took away just under \$15,000.

One man carried a travelling bag into which he put the banknotes which had been deposited in the office safe.

According to a report, the men escaped in a car parked in the side-street adjoining the theatre.

None of the large crowd were aware that the robbery had taken place until the arrival of the police.

Manslaughter Summons Against Driver

London, Feb. 19.

A summons alleging manslaughter has been issued against driver William Trew, driver of the express train which crashed into a local train at Lewisham, south London, in December, causing 90 deaths and 178 casualties.

Trew, 61, will appear at Greenwich Court, southeast London. The summons alleges that he caused the death of the guard on the Charing Cross-to-Hayes electric train, Robert William Reynolds.

This train had stopped at signals when Trew's train hit it in the rear. — China Mail Special.

Pilot Killed By Props

Cairo, Feb. 19.

A Dutch airliner crashed landed at Cairo Airport today, hit a sand dune, and hurled the Dutch co-pilot out of the plane into the propellers, which killed him instantly.

None of the other seven crew or the 19 passengers was injured.

The plane, owned by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, had flown here from Amsterdam. Its undercarriage was seriously damaged and officials said it would not make the return trip. — Reuter.

FUCHS PLOWS THROUGH BLIZZARD

Wellington, Feb. 19.

Dr Vivian Fuchs' party of British scientists, explorers, blizzards through a "white-out" or blizzard which covered the sky and made it impossible to see ahead of the team. The team took it as a heavy sign to mark a new start. — Reuter.

MACMILLAN ON SUMMIT CONFERENCE

London, Feb. 19.
Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, told the House of Commons today: "I want a summit conference, but I do not want it to be successful."

Opening a two-day House of Commons debate on foreign affairs, the Prime Minister showed himself still cautious about holding talks with Russia without preliminary groundwork being laid and a firm agenda chosen.

"Positive disillusionment is more dangerous than the preservation of even the most tenuous expectation, and I really do not want to have that again," he said.

MOST LIKELY

He saw disavowment—"in the widest sense"—as the subject most likely to lead to some success in talks with the Russians.

Mr Hugh Gaittoll, leader of the Labour Opposition, said the Prime Minister's remarks were "in the lobby for admission, the gang entered the theatre office and took away just under \$15,000."

Mr Gaittoll said the most important subject of all for a summit conference was disarmament in Europe—a plan for European security involving the reunification of Germany.

OPPOSITION'S VIEW

Mr Gaittoll said "disarmament in Europe" was "overwhelmingly strong" and the opposition would like to see:

- ★ Gradual withdrawal of foreign forces from East and West Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.
 - ★ An agreement to limit and control conventional forces.
 - ★ No nuclear weapons permitted to nations covered by the agreement.
 - ★ German reunification.
 - ★ A security pact underwritten by the great powers guaranteeing the frontiers of this neutral zone.
 - ★ An agreement to German to withdraw from NATO, and for Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact.
- In his opening speech Mr Macmillan referred to his recent six-week tour of Commonwealth countries. He said that at home and in the countries he had just visited he felt a growing anxiety and readiness to grasp at almost any plan that would avert the conflict between Communism and the West. — Reuter.

MERCHANT SHIP EXPLODES

Manamah, Bahrain, Feb. 19.

The 7,440-ton British merchant ship, Seistan, exploded here tonight following a fire on board.

An official spokesman said rescue ships were picking up survivors.

The explosion shook houses five miles away.

The Seistan, built last year at South Shields, is owned by the British Line Limited of London. — Reuter.

Soekarno Expected To Dismiss Djuanda Cabinet

Padang, Feb. 20.

The Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government, Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, last night personally advised President Soekarno that his decision on dismissing the Djuanda Cabinet and abandoning "guided democracy" was expected "within a few days."

"We would like to hear the decision of the President before we take the last step," said Sjafruddin said in a statement read over Radio Padang by a Cabinet Minister.

"If President Soekarno wishes to preserve the unity of the nation and the well-being of the State, there is only one way for him to do it," he said.

Reiterated

The statement also pointed out that there has been no statement from Soekarno since his return from abroad.

The demand was reiterated that Soekarno remove the Djuanda Cabinet and appoint Dr Mohammed Hatta and the Sultan of Jogjakarta to form and lead a new Cabinet.

In Governmental communication No. 4, the Revolutionary Government on Wednesday notified banks that any Government's orders to block Djakarta government funds would be blacklisted in the future by the Revolutionary Government and its legal successors.

This apparently was directed to the Singapore banker who said he would continue to honour drafts and directives from the Djakarta Government according to reports received.

The communiqué reiterated such banks also would be held responsible for such actions.

Representatives

The radio said that it was sending three special representatives abroad to explain its aims to foreign governments.

It said the representatives would visit countries in Europe and Asia, and would go to the United States.

The rebel Central Sumatran Government issued a decree "revoking" a Djakarta Government order blocking Central Sumatran air and sea ways yesterday.

The decree, broadcast over Radio Bukit Tinggi, said that Sumatran air and waterways were open to all but aircraft and ships belonging to the Indonesian Air Force and Navy.

Support

Radio Bukit Tinggi said yesterday a meeting of heads of government departments at Minahasa in the Central Celebes had pledged support for the Central Sumatran Government.

Lieut.-Col. D. J. Somba, Commander of the North and Central Celebes announced yesterday that he supported the rebels.

Radio Bukit Tinggi said officers and NCOs of the Army in the Northern Celebes had been ordered to get in touch with the Djakarta Government but felt themselves unable to do so. — United Press and Reuter.

Plane Crashes Into Vesuvius

Naples, Feb. 19.

Searchers found the wreckage today of a US Air Force plane on Mount Vesuvius and reported all 10 persons aboard it were killed.

An Air Force spokesman said a party of US airmen rushed back to headquarters that they found no life in the plane, which vanished last Saturday. — United Press.

SHIP CRIPPLED IN ATLANTIC

21 BODIES PICKED UP

Norfolk, Feb. 19.
Search vessels fighting high winds and 30-foot waves today retrieved 21 bodies and found two survivors in a lifeboat in the stormy Atlantic where 24 Italian seamen were dumped last night when their lifeboat capsized.

It left only one member of the 27-man crew of the stricken Italian ore ship as Bonitas was unaccounted for. Three other survivors were rescued aboard a rescue ship last night after abandoning their ship.

The ore vessel Bonitas, abandoned by its crew on Tuesday when it was crippled in a severe Atlantic storm, was last reported still afloat but "down by the head," the Coast Guard said. The search vessels fanned out from the Bonitas to continue the hunt.

13 Foot Seas

The Coast Guard cutter Chilula, from Morehead City, N.C., was directing the search conducted by three Navy destroyers, two merchant ships and the President Adams.

Two Navy planes and a Coast Guard aircraft were expected to join the hunt which was hampered by 15 foot seas, strong winds and intermittent snow.

The President Adams radioed about 1 a.m. EST it had lowered its lifeboats and picked up three of the seamen but the others had begun "drifting away" after their lifeboat capsized as the liner pulled alongside to take them aboard.

All of the men were believed to be wearing life jackets.

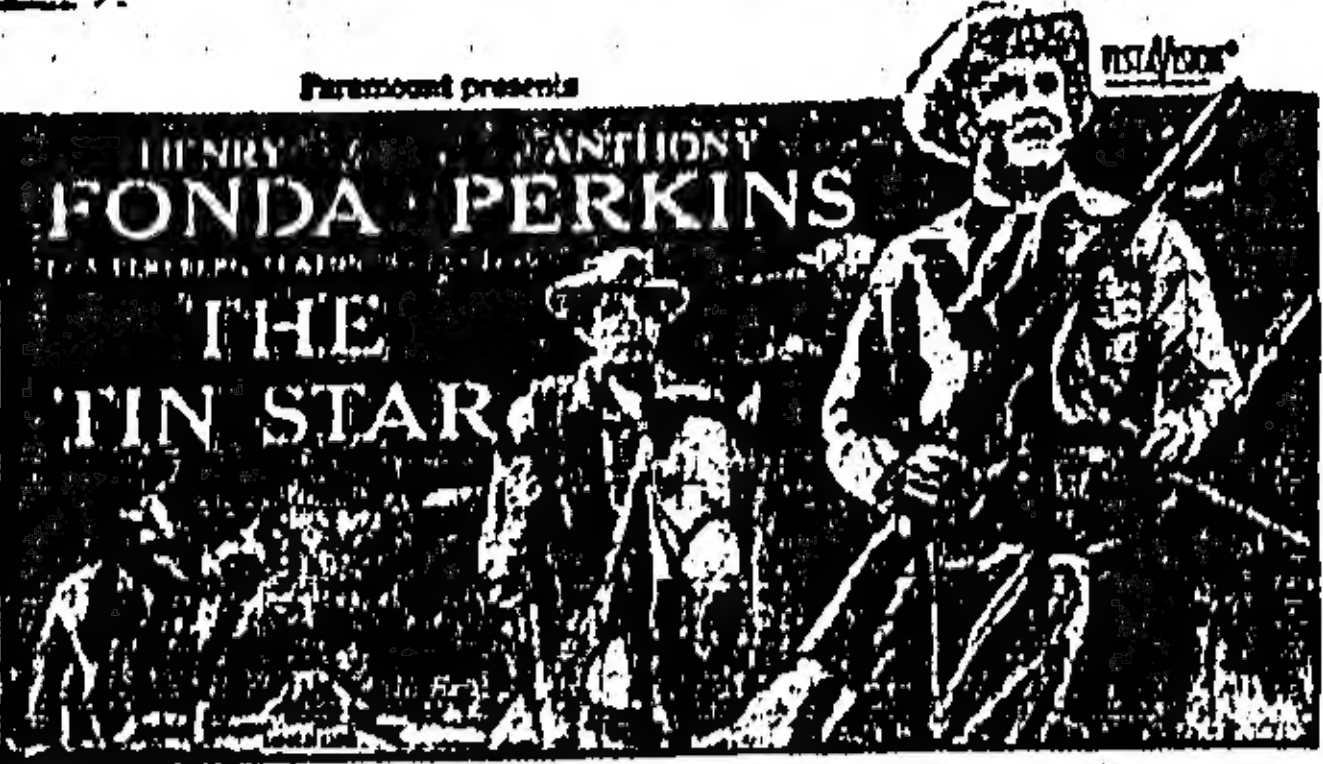
The liner was the first vessel to reach the scene last night, less than five hours after the Italian ship's skipper flashed the SOS that his 47-foot vessel had sprung a leak and was sinking rapidly. That was at 2.45 p.m. EST. About two hours later he ordered the crew to abandon ship. — United Press.

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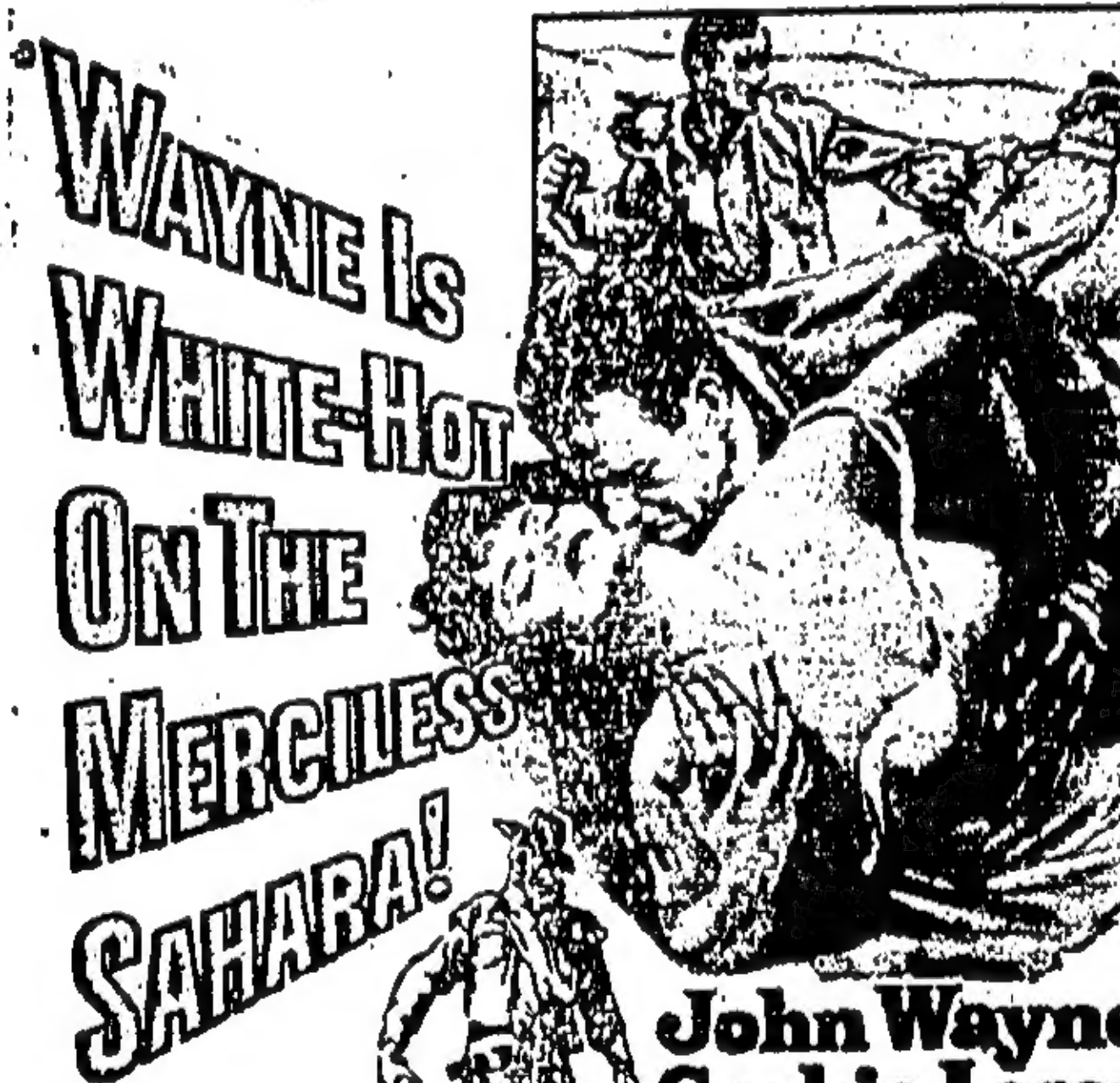
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CHINESE MOVE TERMED AS PROPAGANDA

By STEWART HENSLEY

Washington, Feb. 18.

American officials said tonight China's announcement to withdraw its troops from North Korea was a propaganda move.

The State Department said it would have no official comment until it studies the full statement of the China-Korea agreement.

But one source told the United Press "it is unquestionably a propaganda move." This source said "they would like to get US troops out" of South Korea.

Belated

Officials said the announcement was a belated acceptance of a seven-year-old United Nations demand.

State Department sources said the Chinese announcement came as no surprise since they had been expecting something of the sort ever since the Communists recently proposed the withdrawal of all foreign forces on the Korean peninsula, including the UN Forces in the South.

There was considerable speculation concerning the possible motives behind the Chinese decision, but the general assessment in official quarters was that it was a propaganda move which might not be fully implemented.

The Chinese "volunteers" constitute about 300,000 men out of the total of 700,000 Red troops in North Korea. Their withdrawal would virtually cut in half the Red military strength in the northern part of the peninsula.

Withdrawal

United Nations Commander, US Army Gen. George Decker, said that Communist intentions in announcing the withdrawal were not clear but "undoubtedly will be followed by a demand that the United Nations Command withdraw its forces from the Republic of Korea."

"But it must be remembered," he said, "that Manchuria is separated from North Korea only by the Yalu River and the forces, even though actually withdrawn into China, could be repositioned in Korea within a matter of a few days."

In Seoul, Republic of Korea, Defence Minister Kim Chong Yul said today the Communist announcement of withdrawal of Chinese troops from North Korea was "nothing but a pretext for a propaganda offensive against the free world."—United Press.

Went Berserk

Singapore, Feb. 18.
Police today fired nine bullets into a man who went berserk among a crowd celebrating Chinese New Year.

The man, a Chinese died on the way to hospital. Another Chinese and a detective were admitted to hospital.—Reuters.

UK ARMY DISMISSAL

London, Feb. 17.

A total of 3,100 officers, warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers will be dismissed from the British Army in the year beginning this April, the War Office announced today.

The redundancies follow a decision to reduce the Army to an overall strength of 165,000 by 1963. All those prematurely retired will receive compensation.

The announcement said 90 per cent of the officers and 85 per cent of the other ranks to be dismissed this year had voluntarily applied to be released.—Reuters.

YOUNG GEISHA INVOLVED IN AIR PIRACY

Seoul, Feb. 18.

South Korean police announced here today seven Communist agents, including a beautiful 21-year-old geisha, were on board the South Korean airliner which flew over into North Korea on Sunday.

The police headquarters said the geisha, Kim Min Suk, who worked in an expensive Seoul geisha house and was on intimate terms with many leading South Korean government officials and military officers, was believed to have been spying for the Communists.

YOUNG BABY

She boarded the DC-3 airliner on Sunday at Pusan together with her 54-year-old lover, Kim Hyong, and their young baby.

The police said they were "certain" Kim Hyong was in fact a Communist agent, Hwang Hai Su.

The police said a family of three and two men who listed themselves as soldiers when they boarded the plane in Pusan, southern Korea, were also Communist agents.

They said all five came from Taegu, Central Korea, and had Communist connections.

The police said none of these five were known to have had sufficient funds of their own (an equivalent of \$US25 per per-

RECORD PRIZE IN POOLS

London, Feb. 19.
Two pennies catapulted John Brockwell on Tuesday from an obscure, £14-a-week wine merchant's cellarman to a half-millionaire.

The 29-year-old Englishman, father of two children, won £200,028 in the British soccer pools—a 25,000,000 to one shot.

The money is tax free. It was a record prize. Brockwell bought his ticket on last Saturday's pools for two pennies. There were eight ties and he was the only one of the 12,000,000 bettors to forecast them all.

"Which, I can't believe it," Brockwell gasped as he emerged from the wine cellar in which he works. 44 hours a week.

"It's fantastic. I can't believe it," echoed his wife, Kathleen, at home.

The couple have been married for seven years. Their two children are Elaine, 3, and Michael, 6 months. Recently the Brockwells had decided on a strict economic plan.

The prize topped the previous record win by £2,200 and the Brockwells had no idea what they would do with their new wealth. — United Press.

Ike's Letter To Bulganin Shows Sharp Russo-US Clash On Agenda

By PAMELA MATTHEWS

London, Feb. 18.

The terms of President Eisenhower's latest letter to the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin on a summit conference implies a sharp Soviet-American clash on the agenda for any top level talks, according to observers here.

The President's letter, replying to Marshal Bulganin's letter of February 1 has helped to clear one of the obstacles in the way of summit talks by dropping the earlier United States preference for a preparatory meeting of Foreign Ministers.

The French Government in a recent note to Moscow has, however, insisted on a Foreign Ministers meeting as a condition of summit talks.

PRESS STRONGLY

The President's letter has made it clear that he intends to press strongly for inclusion for the various agenda proposals made in his letter to Marshal Bulganin of January 12 although these were rejected from Moscow on February 1.

President Eisenhower's proposals included conditions in East European countries, and plans to limit the use of the veto in the Security Council and to prevent the use of outer space for war purposes.

His proposals were backed by the British Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan, in his letter to Marshal Bulganin on February 7.

The repulsion by President Eisenhower yesterday of the conditions that preliminary exchanges must offer "good prospect of an accord" was also seen here as a warning against the conclusion that the United States has now accepted the idea of a summit meeting on easy terms.—China Mail Special.

Withdrawal

Berlin, Feb. 18.
Russia is withdrawing and disbanding two mechanised divisions, an anti-aircraft division, three independent artillery brigades and five independent anti-aircraft brigades from East Germany. It was officially announced today.

General M. V. Zakharov, Commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, did not say when the withdrawal would start but Herr Otto Grotewohl, East German Prime Minister, said on February 9 that Russia would start withdrawing 41,000 men from East Germany this month.—Reuters.

Shot Down

London, Feb. 18.
Naval Air Force units of the Chinese "People's Liberation Army" shot down a Nationalist RB-37 jet reconnaissance plane over the Taimo region in Shanghai province this morning, the New China News Agency reported.—Reuters.

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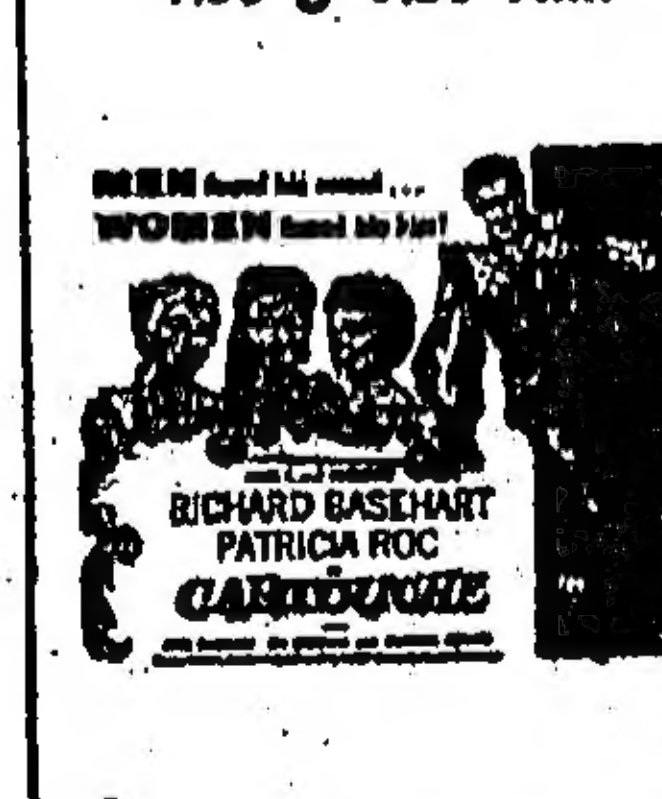
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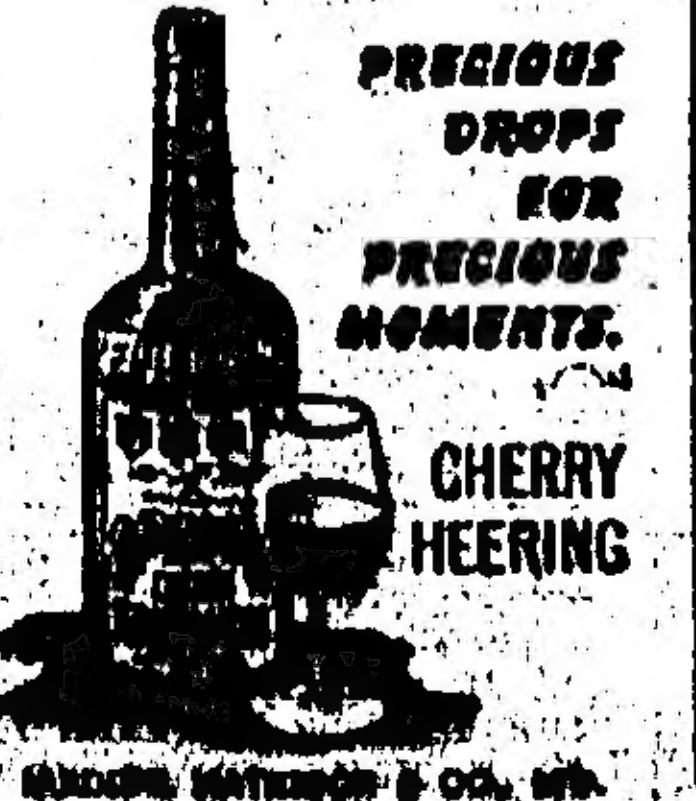


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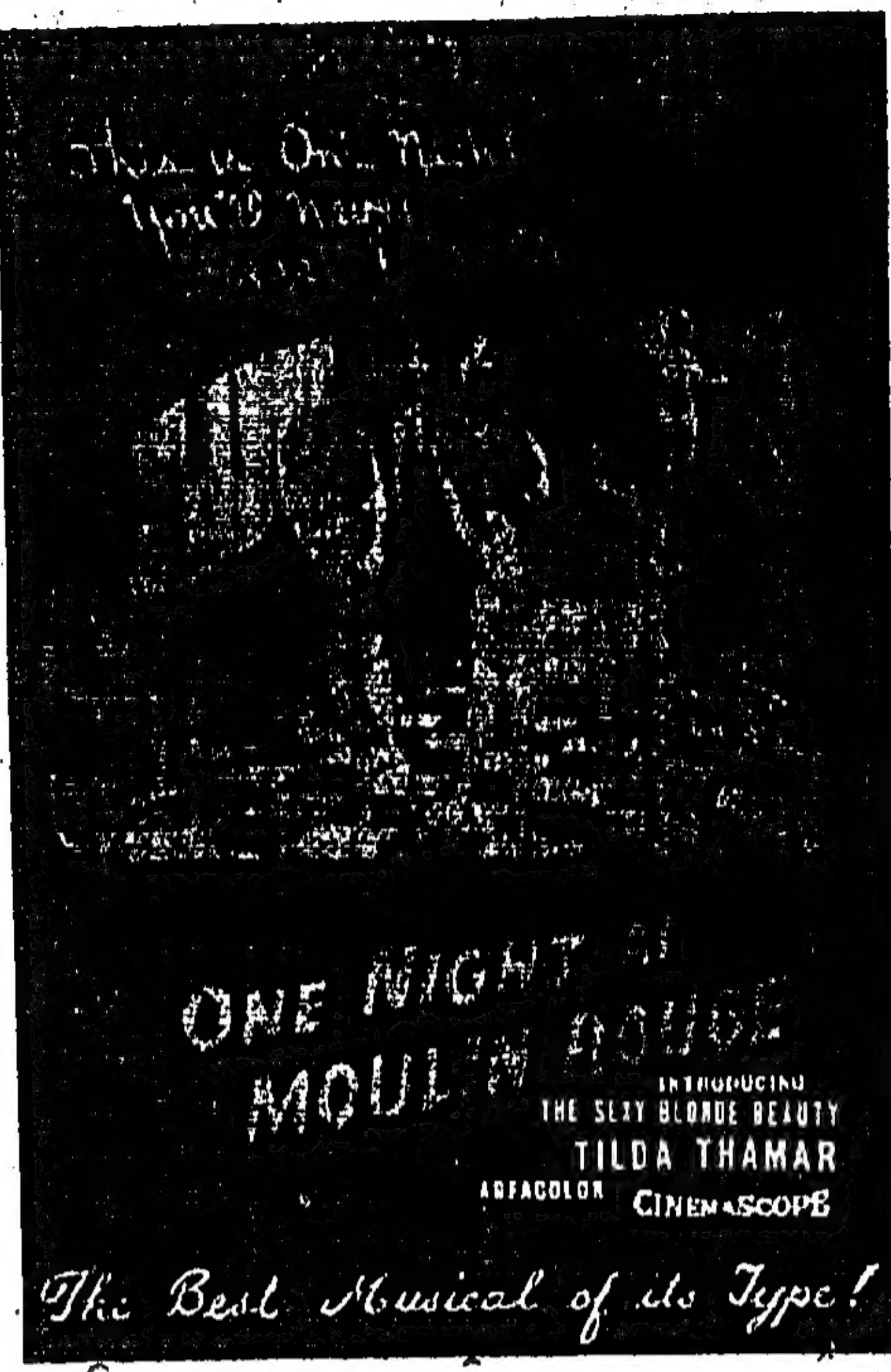
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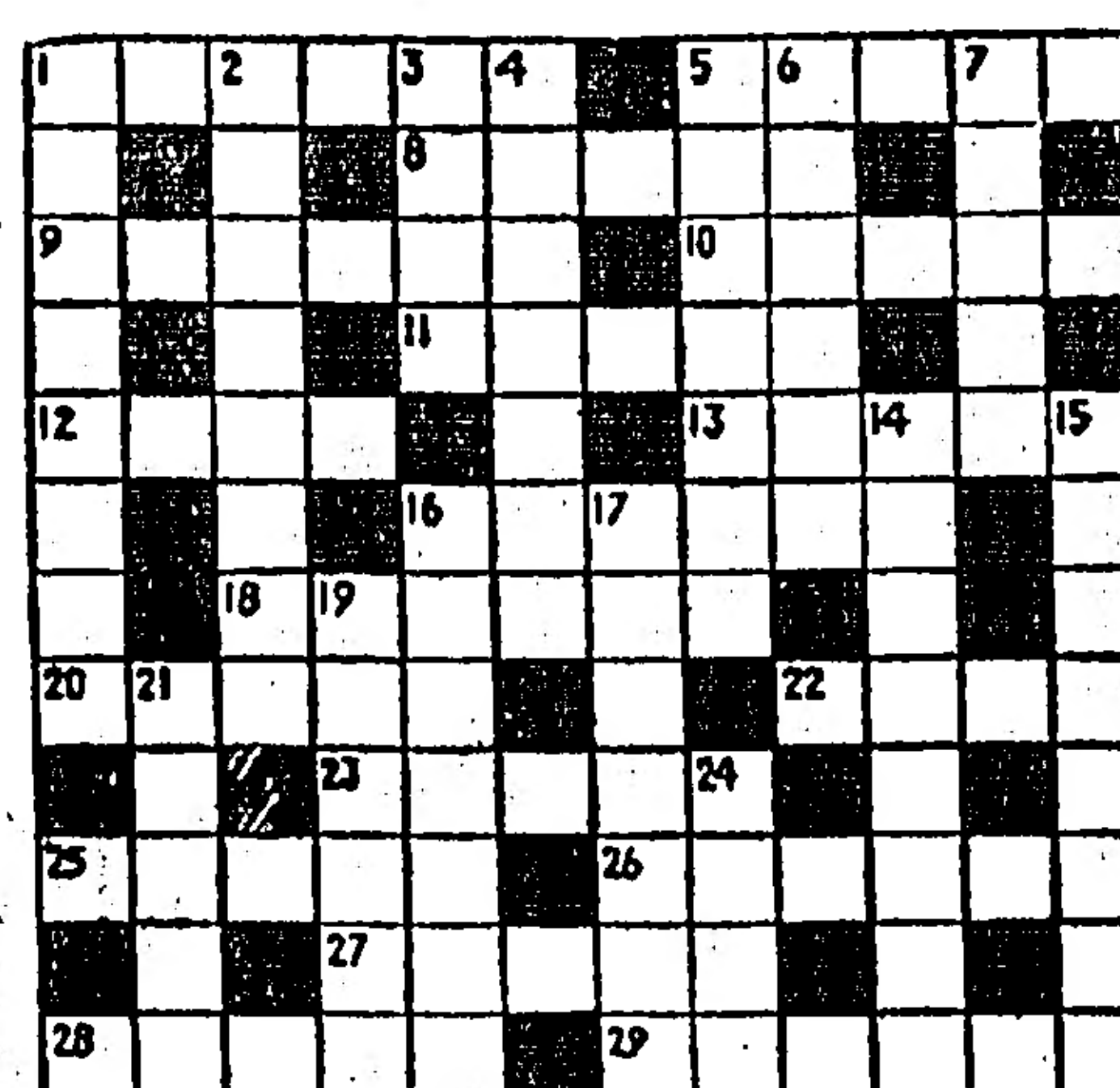
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Members of a striker's family? (6)
 - 5 Ridiculous show? (5)
 - 8 "Snappy" sort of book, perhaps? (5)
 - 9 Glided bronze decoration? (6)
 - 10 Bare figures? (5)
 - 11 Game of numbers? (5)
 - 12 Strike out? (4)
 - 13 Accessories for breaks? (3)
 - 10 Some years? (6)
 - 18 Nap-raising plant? (6)
 - 20 Guns of a kind? (5)
 - 22 Bank of seats? (4)
 - 23 Purloined? (5)
 - 25 Fish-lot? (5)
 - 26 Peculiar expressions? (6)
 - 27 Certainly not upright? (5)
 - 28 What to do to get a seat, oddly enough? (5)
 - 29 Sportingly? (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Electrifying stories? (8)
 - 2 Offer in sacrifice? (6)
 - 3 50%? (4)
 - 4 Flood-gates? (7)
 - 6 Burial ceremony? (7)
 - 7 Ticked? (6)
 - 7 Top-knot? (5)
 - 14 Certain Red Indian? (8)
 - 16 Vestry? (6)
 - 18 Coward is mainly a star? (7)
 - 17 This is over most people's heads? (7)
 - 19 Flag? (6)
 - 21 Burton's on it? (6)
 - 24 Mussolini's daughter? (4)

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Mussel, 5 Absent, 8 Vows, 9 Olivia, 11 Casts, 12 Solder, 14 Peaf, 16 Bore, 18 Overt, 19 Tern, 20 Instep, 24 Recur, 25 Killer, 26 Even, 27 Dined, 28 Reason, Down: 1 Moor, 2 Shis, 3 Evil, 4 Ladder, 5 Ascribed, 6 Eastern, 7 Mustard, 10 Viceroy, 13 Covered, 14 Pollen, 15 Altered, 17 Otis, 18 Ticker, 21 Time, 22 Plus, 23 Cran.

Britain Battles Inflation

TO SAVE £3M
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& TRINCOMALEE

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Feb. 19. Five thousand workers will lose their jobs when Hongkong's naval dockyard is closed down in November 1959. An Admiralty spokesman gave this news after publication of today's White Paper on Navy estimates. According to the White Paper, reorganisation and reduction of naval bases at home and abroad will mean saving of 23,000 civilian posts between the two bases would be "fifty-fifty." No figures were available of saving in posts and money at Hongkong.

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Much of this saving will be in the United Kingdom itself where naval establishments are to be practically reduced. Dealing with disposition of the fleet, the White Paper said it was intended to maintain continuously one carrier with supporting ships east of the Suez.

This fleet will be based on Singapore and have fighter and strike aircraft necessary to protect itself and support ground operations. It will also be able to deal with any submarine threat in the event of limited war in the area.

COMMANDO CARRIER

The ability of this fleet to give assistance where needed will be reinforced by the provision of a commando carrier able by means of helicopters to land its commandos far inland.

The carrier Bulwark will be deployed east of the Suez during 1958 until it is relieved by the Albion which is at present refitting. Bulwark will then return for conversion to the role of a commando carrier after which it will again form part of the Eastern fleet. — Express Service.

REFUGEES IN COLONY

London, Feb. 18. About 1,000 European refugees are known to be in Hongkong, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, told the House of Commons today.

Most of them were Russians, some were Poles, Hungarians or Czechs, he said in reply to a question by Mr. Reginald Sorensen.

Just over 10,000 other refugees had passed through Hongkong since February 1952, he added.

Mr. William Teeling, a Conservative, asked what arrangements were made concerning mainland Chinese who applied for permits to enter Hongkong and who wished to go on to Formosa.

WHAT EXTENT

He also asked to what extent the British Government or the Hongkong Government gave in touch on this matter with United Nations officials or with Formosa.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd replied: No mainland Chinese has applied for transit facilities through Hongkong with the stated object of going to Formosa. It has, therefore, not been necessary for the Hongkong Government to make any arrangements and there is no contact between HM Government or the Hongkong Government and United Nations officials or Formosa on this matter. — Reuter.

PRINCESS MARGARET IN DANGER?

London, Feb. 17. Buckingham Palace and Scotland Yard today denied a report that Princess Margaret's personal guard had been doubled because of anonymous threats against her life. The Daily Express said today that the report had been handed over to Scotland Yard's Special Branch.

According to the British, the letters were believed to have been written by a coloured man who was the 21-year-old brother of the Princess's personal guard. The report was said to have been handed over to Scotland Yard's Special Branch.

The newspaper quoted a police officer as saying: "Letters of this kind are often received by the Royal Family. Usually they are from cranks. But in this case we have found it necessary to take extra precautions." — Reuter.

Increases Health Service Charges & Closes Bases

London, Feb. 19.

Britain's economy-minded Conservative Government announced on Tuesday that it was boosting health service charges and closing two naval bases in an effort to balance the nation's hard-hit finances.

Both decisions were bound to stir up another angry storm against the Government, less than a week after a humiliating defeat in the key Rochdale parliamentary by-election. But they reflected Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's determined effort to continue battling inflation regardless of the reaction of voters.

Simultaneously

Announcements of the economy moves were made almost simultaneously to Parliament.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, told the House of Commons that, effective next July, all male workers would contribute an extra six pence to the National Health Service.

All working women will have their weekly contribution increased four pence and juveniles two pence. In the House of Lords the Earl of Selkirk, first Lord of the Admiralty, announced plans to close the Navy's Sheerness and Portland dockyards, and to scrap the Royal Navy's Norfolk Command.

Eliminate

The Government also announced plans to eliminate several Royal Air Force establishments in Britain.

Announcing the National Health Service increases, Mr. Douglas-Home said that the National Insurance Fund — financial backbone of Britain's cradle-to-the-grave welfare state — would go into deficit for the first time in the coming financial year.

He said the deficit of about £14,000,000 would have to be borne by the Government Treasury.

National insurance charges were boosted only at the beginning of this month. At the same time the total weekly contribution for a male worker, including the employer's share, is 17s 6d.

But only about 1s of this is earmarked for the National Health Service. The remainder covers unemployment insurance, old age pensions and other social security benefits.

Bitter Attack

The Labour opposition immediately launched a bitter attack on the rate increases.

Opposition Leader Hugh Gaitskell said that "by their very nature these contributions must fall on those least able to bear them."

The Government announced at the same time the closing of Royal Air Force repair shops at Donibristle and five other air establishments in this country.

Abolished

"The Norfolk Command will be abolished by April, 1961," the Government said. "At Sheerness the dockyard will be run down gradually, closing on April 6, 1960. At Chatham the dockyard will be retained but the barracks and other naval establishments will be closed, also by 1961."

The Government said the closing of the bases will allow a cut of about 2,700 naval shore jobs and more than 7,000 civilian jobs.

"Singapore and Gibraltar dockyards will be retained," the Government stated. "The future of Malta dockyard is still under consideration." — United Press.

Expelled

London, Feb. 18. China's leading woman author, Ting Ling, has been expelled from the Presidium of the China Federation of Literary Art and Circles for "rightist" tendencies, the New China News Agency reported tonight. — Reuter.

TUNISIA THREATENS TO RETURN TO UN

By RALPH TEATSORTH

United Nations, Feb. 19. Tunisia threatened today to bring its dispute back to the United Nations Security Council unless American and British settlement efforts included the question of the Algerian war.

The 11-nation Council adjourned indefinitely after a 63-minute meeting yesterday to await the outcome of the Anglo-American good offices in settling the dispute.

Tunisian Ambassador Mongi Slim said he would demand a new and urgent meeting of the Council if "the good offices seem not to be yielding good results" due to "differences independent to the will of my Government (which) might arise."

INTERPRETATION

Diplomats feared this difference in interpretation of the ground covered by the conciliation effort would wreck the American and British effort.

Tunisia originally asked the Council to meet to discuss the French "act of aggression" in the February 8 bombing of Sidi-el-Sidi-Youssef that cost 79 lives. Later, Slim submitted an "addendum" mentioning the Algerian war and the French troop questions.

The Council also put on its agenda France's demand that Tunisia be "condemned" for aiding the Algerian Nationalist rebels.

Although the Council took no action on either item, both remained on its agenda and the 11-nation group may be reconvened at any time to consider them. — United Press.

Coma Birth

Leeds, Feb. 17. A woman still in a coma today, six months after a road accident, has given birth to a four-pound girl in a Leeds Maternity home. Mrs. Rita Nemeth, 30, wife of a dental surgeon here, has not spoken since receiving her injury in a road accident on August 18. — Reuter.

Step into 7th Week . . . STILL STRONGER THAN EVER

WANTED QUEEN'S BOUQUET

Brisbane, Feb. 18. Horses in a mounted police escort tried to eat the Queen Mother's bouquet at a civic reception in King George Square here today.

She reached out to pat a horse on the nose, as she inspected the guard, and the horse reached for her bouquet of North Queensland orchids and maiden-hair fern.

Several other of the 13 thoroughbreds tried to nibble at the bouquet and each time the Queen Mother had to withdraw it quickly to the crowd's delight.

One horse did get something. The Queen reached into her purse and gave him a lump of sugar. — Reuter.

Victoria Cross

London, Feb. 19. A Victoria Cross won in France during World War I fetched a record price of £2,050 at an auction here on Tuesday.

Cpl Roland Elcock won the Victoria Cross in 1918 when he stormed and wiped out two German machine-gun posts.

It was bought for his old regiment—the Scots Guards. — United Press.

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The Unknown Giant

CHAPTER 3 BY SEFTON DELMER

TODAY:

HOW HE MASTERED THE 'DINE THEM AND DOWN THEM' TECHNIQUE

NEVER let anyone tell you that there is nothing to be learned from what Krushchev did in the past for what he may do—or want to do—in the future. If Lavrenti Beria, Stalin's mighty Secret Police chief, had paid a little more attention to Krushchev's back history, he might be alive today.

Malenkov, Molotov, Kaganovich, and Mr K's other victims of the June 1957 coup, with a little study of their man, might have taken timely evasive action. Even Marshal Grigory Konstantinovich Zhukov would have benefitted—and perhaps not find himself today writing his memoirs in a dreary provincial garrison town like Rostov.

For all of them in varying forms were given the same "treatment"—then—cut—them—down—treatment—which Krushchev had successfully exploited in the Ukraine in December 1937, 16 years before his liquidation of Beria.

Krushchev, at that time 43, had done extremely well since Kaganovich seven years earlier had called him from Kiev to Moscow to set his 150 per cent loyal trouble-shooter.

Ready wit

His cheerful, peevish, boisterous and ready wit, his ability to drink, dance and please the girls, had made him a much-in-demand guest at the country houses of the top Kremlinites, including Stalin himself.

Not only was his stock high with Stalin as an entertainer and jester, the folksiness of Krushchev's approach to the workers appealed to the dictator.

In Moscow, for instance, examiner Krushchev would crawl on his belly along the dark and narrow pilot shafts to talk to the men and women building the underground railway. But, above all, the blind subservience and ruthlessness with which Krushchev carried out his orders appealed to Stalin.

Krushchev became one of Stalin's liquidators-in-chief. In December 1937 Stalin sent Krushchev to Kiev to clean the local Party leadership of

"anti-Stalinist and nationalist Ukrainian" elements. Within a few hours of his arrival Krushchev, accompanied significantly enough by the same Colonel Ivan Serov who is his security chief today, had launched into his "catch-them-with-a-feat" technique of liquidation.

With a friendly smile and a spate of disarming compliments, he summons a general meeting of his intended victims—the members of the Central Committee—and calls on his target No. 1, Panas Lyubchenko, president of the Ukrainian Council of Commissars, to make a report to the meeting.

Colonel Serov, in the meantime, surrounds the meeting hall with special Secret Police troops. All the candidates for liquidation except Lyubchenko walk into the trap. Lyubchenko himself, seeing the troops, guesses what is up, turns his car and flees, pursued by the police. He goes to earth in his house outside Kiev and, after a short siege, is killed there with his wife.

Late-comer

The Central Committee, impressed with what has happened, promptly passes a vote deploring the "nationalist deviation" of Lyubchenko, and demands that his associates should be punished.

This is the cue for Colonel Serov's men to enter the hall. The new Secretary Krushchev himself takes out a folder and one by one reads out the names of the men and women Stalin wants purged. Each of them is taken into custody.

By the time the operation is completed the Government bench is empty. Now switch to June 1953. Stalin is only three months in his tomb.

His top henchmen, ostensibly vowed to a policy of collective leadership, pass a vote that there shall be no new dictator, are all fighting for his succession.

Krushchev has been put in charge of the powerful Party apparatus by the others because he—the late-comer, the provin-

cial, so disarmingly indiscreet in his cups—is the man they fear least.

But Krushchev is more determined to get to power than any of them.

His first target for removal is the most powerful figure among them all, Beria, Stalin's Chief of the Secret Police, who still has command of his vast and dreaded terror machine.

Krushchev, just back from a tour with Premier Malenkov in which he has been doing all the talking and not-waving, has no difficulty in persuading his colleagues that Beria is their enemy.

"Beria is plotting a coup," he tells them, and adds the frightening detail that Colonel-General Artemiev, a Beria man who is commander of the Moscow military district, is in the plot with his Kantimir tank division.

With an order for Beria's arrest, signed by President Voroshilov, in his hand, Krushchev now goes into action.

Round the city

Marshal Zhukov, the new Deputy Defence Minister, and a devoted friend of Krushchev from the war, orders up two tank divisions from the Urals on the pretext of manoeuvres. As soon as they arrive, they form a ring round the city and

Invitation

When Lord Attlee, during a dinner party with the Kremlin team, suggests that Malenkov should pay a visit to Britain, it is not Malenkov who answers him, but Krushchev: "Rmph," he frowns. "That is a difficult question. We shall have to see about that."

And all that discomfited Premier Malenkov can do is to echo lamely: "That is something that would have to be discussed."

In February 1955 it is over. Malenkov publicly confesses his inadequacy as Premier. His successor is Nikolai Bulganin, the man who has been Krushchev's boon companion and stable-mate since the early 'thirties, has played tennis with him at his country villa and shared his car when driving to their Moscow offices in the mornings.

But Krushchev's fight is not over yet.

There are still three more occasions to come when the "corral—them—at-a-feat" technique first demonstrated against Lyubchenko in Kiev has to be used.

TOMORROW: The purge goes on



THIS WORLD

SINGAPORE

Cooks are refusing to work in a Chinese millionaire's stately mansion in Ipoh, North Malaya, because, they say, the host of a French chef, who hanged himself in the pantry some years ago just won't let them get on with their chores.

Sauces, spices and cups are hidden, and meat from the deep-freeze has, on several occasions, been fed to three alarmists who guard the extensive grounds.

The millionaire, however, attributes his terrible run of success on the rubber market to the ghost. So now the cooks have asked him to build them a separate annex where they can work in peace.

PARIS

A £7-a-week odd job man of the French radio, Jean Perrin, was the star and producer of the entire Christmas programme of the nationalised French radio and television. For 30 hours, with one or two short breaks, he put on long-playing gramophone records.

His audience: an estimated 15 million.

It was the one and only programme, for the radio and television technicians staged a walk-out strike which started Christmas Eve and lasted until Boxing Day morning.

When he finally ended his 30-hour marathon of sound Jean Perrin went, thankfully home. He does not care much for music. He happens to be tone deaf.

TORONTO

So many Canadian youngsters are building model space rockets in their cellars that the National Defence Research Board has issued a public warning about the dangers of rocket experiments.

"The handling of rocket fuses may create serious fire and explosive hazards," said the Board, after several reports of boys being injured.

The Hamilton, Ontario, Retail Pharmacists Association has advised members not to sell rocket fuel ingredients to youngsters, and the local police have asked the schools to stress the danger of experiments.

NEW YORK

Two hundred and fifty prisoners from the Rivers Island prison near New York have enrolled as blood donors.

Their reward—a day off from prison duties and steak for dinner.

LOS ANGELES

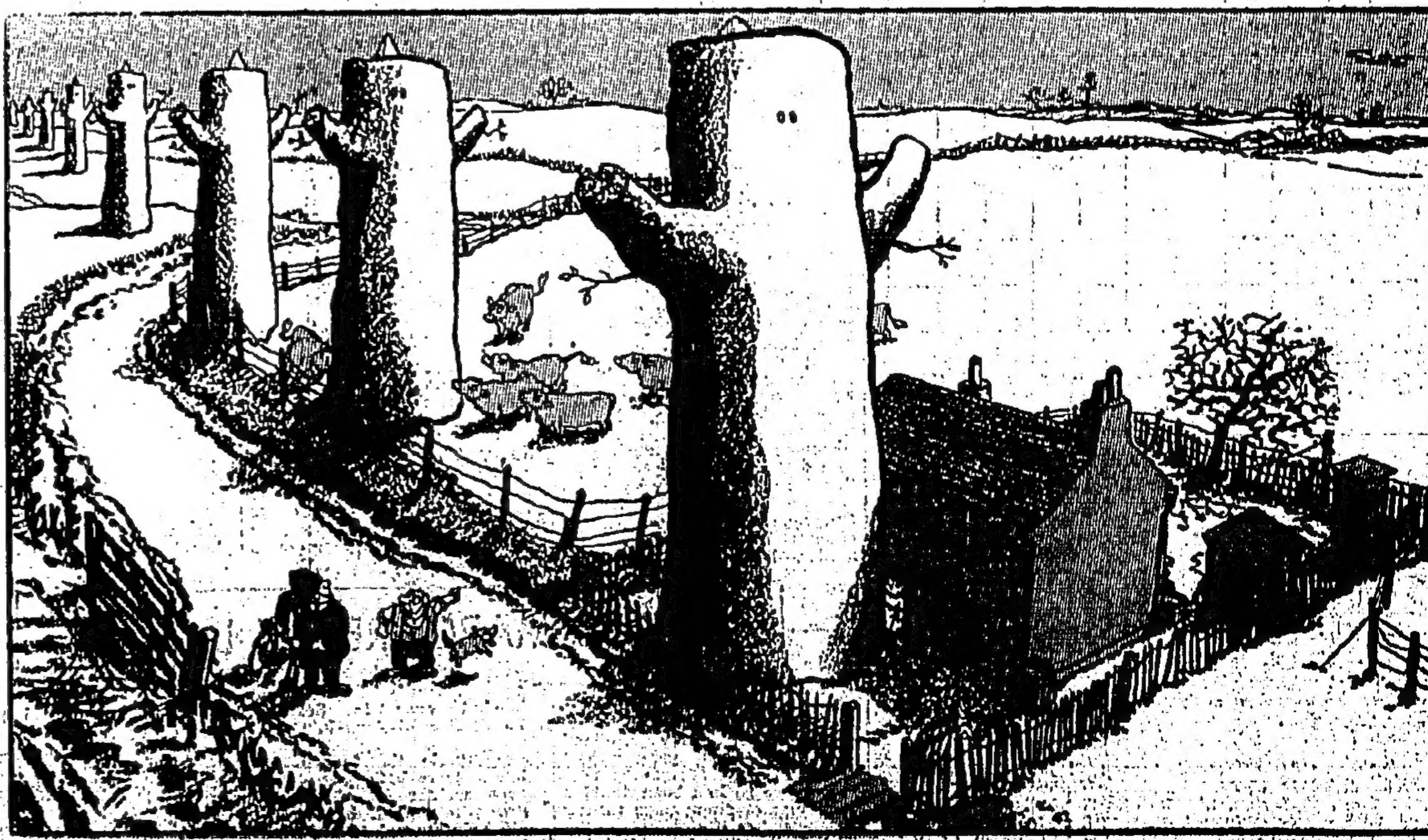
A Californian aircraft firm has announced, via its Christmas cards, that its employees are to have occasional long weekends—three days off after a four-day working week.

Said one of the firm's executives: "We are confident it will pay goodwill dividends when a working man can enjoy a rich man's weekend every so often."

ROME

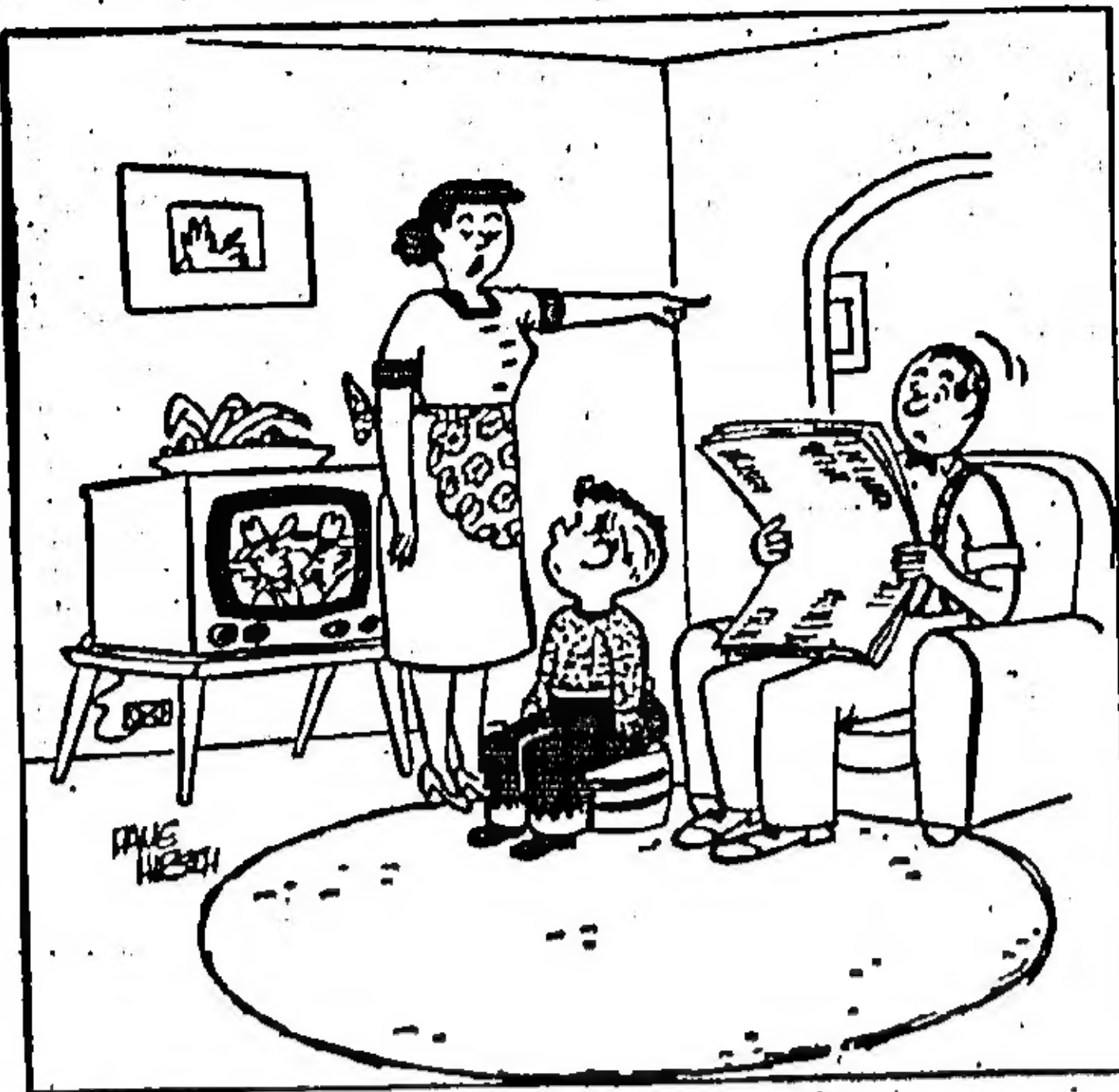
Symonetta Armellini, an 18-month-old baby girl, spent Christmas in Verona goal. Her mother was convicted of stealing and given a long sentence as an habitual criminal. She went to goal on Christmas morning. Under Italian law her baby must remain with her mother until she is two years old.

But when the other convicts heard of Symonetta they bought a Christmas tree from their prison earnings, decorated it with dolls and other presents. Then they clubbed together to open a savings bank account for her. It will be transferred to the orphanage. Symonetta goes to when she leaves goal next June.



"And I say they were here last night and I reckon they're something to do with these 'ete-hush-hush' rocket sites."

This Funny World



YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

BORN on the first day of the month, you are a person of great potential. You are ruled by Jupiter, the god of wisdom, and Neptune, the god of inspiration. You are essentially the idealist and your intuitions are so keen as to be mediumistic at times. Learn to make use of this unusual gift and you will always be a few steps ahead of your nearest competitors. You are ready to act while others are still thinking things over. You have a vainglorious ambition to reach the top of the success ladder. In addition, you also have a determination, concentration and a conscientious adherence to duty. On the other side of the ledger, you have a tendency to lose control of your emotions at some critical period. Cultivate self-control, for you will discover that in losing your temper at the wrong moment you may upset plans which have been in the making for a long time. Don't upset your apparel by one rash gesture.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may take a carefully calculated business risk today and expect good results. Take all precautions in legal affairs.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your personal judgment determines the degree and extent of your success today. Be wise in making decisions.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you keep off the deep end, make sure you know how to swim. There is an ever-present threat of loss.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—There is promise of good results and your fondest dreams may come true. Be practical rather than impulsive, however.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Your personal career should go forward successfully. You are able to clearly co-operate with those who can help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—There are some projects and you will find that you are able to carry a successful course for your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Your judgment in financial or legal matters may not be sound. Test all decisions carefully before acting.

You have a magnetic personality and are attractive to the opposite sex. You probably will have more than one romance before you settle down. You women are considered great first Make sure that you don't hurt those who take a romance much more seriously than you do. Yet, once you have settled on one or several in marriage. Just don't wait for such a long time, fooling around, that you end up by never marrying at all.

Among those born on this date are: Joseph Jefferson, actor; Mary Gaudin, singer; Angelina Weld, reformer; Henry F. Durant, and Theodore Lyman, philanthropist, and William Rimmer, sculptor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may find that domestic and business matters are so interrelated that you have difficulty in separating them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—There is plenty of activity, but just make sure that it is in the right direction. Obey the stars wisely.

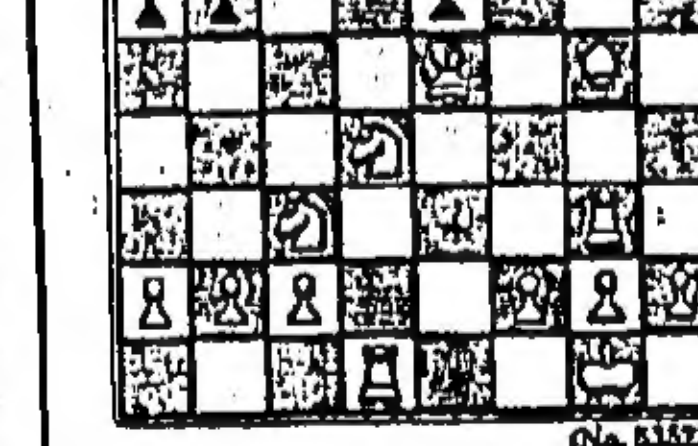
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Children's affairs take on a fresh importance now. Be helpful in giving advice and guidance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A day for heavy brainwork. Now plan on the job may need your careful consideration. Be astute.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A short journey may be indicated, but avoid being rash in reaching any important decision. Consider all angles carefully.

Except for a four-zero trump break against which no play will work the spade finesse will be successful any time East holds that king and in case the spade finesse loses South still has a chance to drop a singleton king of trumps.

CHESS
By LEONARD BARDEN



From a game won by the Russian grandmaster Bronstein. White to move and win.

London Express Service

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A MANICURIST has said that a cure for people who bite their nails is to be regularly manicured, so that they will take pride in unbroken nails. Chiropractors may well address the same appeal to people who bite their toe-nails—a habit common among professional contortionists. I remember with delight a picture of a small boy contemplating a reproduction of the Venus de Milo. His mother is saying, "There! You see what happens to people who bite their nails."

Hep to the magazines

An account of a "musician" who takes the allgiers with his che-stacking, and swings a mabuk chuff-rhythm, is bound to stir comparisons with Globb. Gutz smiling, "I Cried Into My Champagne," with that dog-bait on the bongo. Hound-trucking on Gutz' cracks, the mingling, Gutz' cracks, the gurgles in a storm of classical boogie-pop. It is straight down-to-earth 'jam-hive' stuff, and stings the bellies with a nice stroke shuile which recalls Redio Toledo's mack-dogging at the best.

Dog about town

I READ of a "finishing school" for smart dogs. Apart from

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bad Choice Loses Finesse

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE last hand of the year should present several points of interest and this one does. To start with there is the bidding. North has a minimum raise for his partner's two bid but the slam contract is certainly a good one.

The next problem is how to play the hand. You win the opening lead in dummy and realise that you have to choose between the trump finesse and the spade finesse right then. Which gives the better chance of success?

This particular South chose the trump finesse. He thought that if it lost he could get back to

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Both vulnerable
South West North East
2♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
4NT Pass 6♥ Pass
5NT Pass 6♥ Pass
6♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
Opening lead—Q♣

dummy with the queen of trumps and still finesse the spade.

The finesse lost all right but South never got back to dummy. West did a little thinking and decided that he wanted to keep dummy out of the lead. Hence, when South finessed the jack of trumps West held off with the king. Now, South played the ace of hearts and never got back to dummy when the trump broke three-one. Eventually he had to lose a trick to East's king of spades.

Now to answer the question given above. The spade finesse at trick two gave a better chance for success than the trump finesse. The trump finesse wins all the time against king-small king or king singleton in the East hand and half the time against king-small or king singleton in the West hand. Otherwise it loses.

Except for a four-zero trump break against which no play will work the spade finesse will be successful any time East holds that king and in case the spade finesse loses South still has a chance to drop a singleton king of trumps.

CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♥ Double 1NT 2♠
2♥ Pass 7
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q J 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Pass. You still don't like hearts but you also have no further bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
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What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

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Feminascope

A 'DO IT YOURSELF' GUIDE TO THE VERY LATEST...

PRESENTING an ideal way of giving last year's simple chemise this year's blown-out-at-the-back look. The dress—a best-seller already in the Paris shops—is one of those simple high-necked shapely chemise affairs, in a rose-printed silk. Sold with it, a chiffon scarf in exactly the same print. The scarf is firmly attached to the neck in the back, sewn round to the hem, and sewn underneath the skirt in a special panel. It is made from a single width of chiffon doubled over to form the two panels. The matched print idea is delicious—but it would look just as good with a plain silk dress. Only "must" is this—the two fabrics must match in pattern or colour exactly.

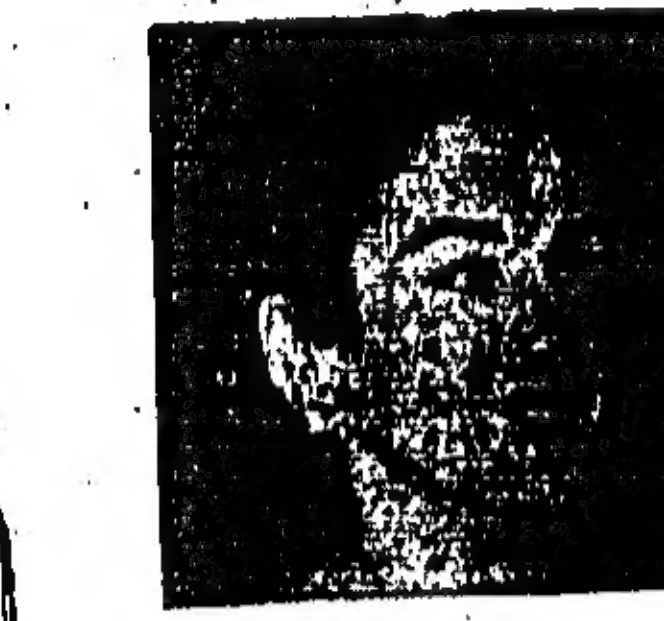
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Fish! FROM FASHION TO PARTIES AND CARS—IT SETS THE STYLE

THEY sell shellfish more and more. The Parisians love those oysters—but shellfish is not only sold in every other restaurant or eaten in every other household—it is everywhere in the colours they are wearing this spring.

Newest colours for shoes is "langoustine," a lovely shimmering pink.



MAY KENDALL, film version of The Reckless Debuts.

"I'm not really interested in clothes," she said to me in true French film star fashion, "I only like wearing blouses and skirts."

Someone or other has decided otherwise, however, to the film. A complete wardrobe comes from Balmain—the film stars haunt—"I love the things really," she admitted. "In fact, I'm going to try to buy them when the film is finished."

BEAT THE SQUEEZE

ANNE-MARIE RAYMOND and Madeline Peter—two decoration experts on a French woman's magazine—have started a new advice service to help Parisians combat the worst-ever housing crisis.

For 1,000 francs they advise how to turn drab and dark rooms into cosy flats. Pretentious ideas so far.

A CURTAIN opening to let down a brightly coloured plastic table.

A COMPLETE BATHROOM, all plastic, including walls, a wash-basin that can be lowered from the ceiling to floor-level for a shower, or elbow-length on wheels.

CEILING-HIGH sky-blue shutters used for cupboard doors to match shutters at the windows.

A DIVAN with a special box lid which fits over the bed like the lid of a box in sky-blue canvas that can be easily whisked off and on.

CASTILLO of Leavin, master of the Swedish and light dress—designed the headress for the bride in his new collection. It was made of white wistaria, towering up on the top of a swept-back hairstyle.

Five—le tulle is draped around the chin and cascades down the back down with tiny white flowers. With it the bride wore a long, simple, white organdie dress.

CASTILLO showed a collection this year of lovely party clothes. His evening dresses had knee-length skirts which ballooned out with hundreds of petticoats.

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Pale pink satin sashed over one shoulder down to the waist at the other side and fastened with a glittery jewel or a spray of flowers.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Something Fishy Here

—Baron Munch Tells How He Learned to Swim—

By MAX TRELL

BARON Munch was dozing in his chair under the kumquat tree in his garden when Knart and Hanid, the Shandwa with the Tumbler About Names, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, came tiptoeing up to him.

"Ah," said Baron Munch, opening one eye, "I see you very well, my darlings. You have come to play a prank on me."

By this time, Baron Munch had opened both eyes and was sitting up. He rang a bell and a lot of kumquats (like little oranges) came dropping out of the tree, followed by a rain of lichee nuts and sugar plums.

Wonderful Stories

Hardly any one in the world was as good-natured and pleasant and could tell such wonderful stories as Baron Munch. Some of his stories were almost too wonderful to believe. But almost everything that happened around Baron Munch was too wonderful to believe as, for example, the kumquats and lichee nuts and sugar plums showering like rain out of the tree when the Baron shook his little bell.

"And," said Baron Munch, smiling and showing his gold teeth, "to what do I owe the honour of this visit?"

Hanid explained. "We're all going to start taking swimming lessons. Only we haven't a swimming teacher. Do you know a swimming teacher?"

"Of course! Of course!" said Baron Munch. "I know the best swimming teacher in all the seven seas. He's the one who taught me."

Baron Munch was just about to ask Knart and Hanid to tell him the name of this great swimming teacher, but Baron Munch was talking too fast to be interrupted.

"My dears," Baron Munch was saying, "my teacher taught me to swim so well that I used to be able to swim across the Atlantic Ocean and back without getting tired. I sometimes used to race the big ocean liners."

"I started to learn how to swim when I was quite small. My father used to put me down in the garden after a good rain and let me splash in the puddles. When I grew a bit larger, father made me a little harness and strapped it on to a frog's back."

"A frog's back?" exclaimed Hanid.

Baron Munch nodded.

"The frog and I used to dive off the bank together. When we got into the water, he'd swim first and I'd follow right after him. We'd go clean across the pond and back again. Then the frog jumped out and pulled me with him, attached to the end of the harness."

"Oh," said Teddy, "I didn't know you could train a frog to do all that!"

"This was a very special frog," said Baron Munch. "My father fed him on bluebottle flies and lichee drops and bubble gum. Well, it wasn't long before I could swim and dive better even than Master Frog himself."

"He taught me how to glide through the water without making a sound. He taught me how to dive into the water and spring out again without making a ripple. He taught me how to swim along the bottom of the deepest ocean for minutes at a time, then shoot up for a snail of air and then plunge down again. Now let me see if I can get Mr Fish on the telephone."

Alas, there was no answer on the phone after Baron Munch dialed it.

"I'm afraid he's giving lessons to the whales," Baron Munch said. "I'll try to get him for you later, perhaps a year or two from now."

And that's how matters were left when Knart, Hanid and Teddy returned home.

"Guess we'll just get a regular swimming teacher, like Mr Hanid and Mr Jones," said Hanid to her brother and Teddy.

Rupert and the Lost List—14

Rupert watches the Gollwog and the Cowboy until they are nearly lost in the mist, then he rots away.

"I must get home before this fog thickens any more," he thinks. "It's already pretty bad. I do hope I'm going in the right direction." He pauses on a path where a tree is a trunk!

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Never Got Tired

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WHAT'S ON THE TOP

SPANISH pick-up—the idea of using linen for summer suits and dresses, has caught on in a big way in Paris. Irish linen was used by Pierre Cardin for a short-sleeved, straight-skirted suit in bright shrimp pink.

Guy Laroche chose rose-pink for a street suit and for simple blouses.

Carven picked pale blue for an unfitted dress and jacket. Yves St. Laurent made one of his tent coat-dresses in coral-red linen, and Castillo used both white and blue linen for straight sleeveless dresses embroidered with big white coin dots.

WHAT'S ON THE TOP

TABLES

THE French are as proud of their table decorations as the English are of their tea. The prettiest one I have seen was that of Helene Bouilloux-Lafont—who was Giverny's right-hand woman—who now runs a furniture boutique.

The tablecloth was Dresden blue, the china was blue and white, and there were small sprays of white flowers and tiny white candles in fluted, dark blue glass goblets.

At a luncheon party I ate my chateaubriand on a shiny, modern black table with black opaque Swedish glass side-plates, dogtooth check cotton table napkins (on sale in a Paris store) in black and white, black candlesticks to match the side-plates, with white candles—the only colour was a mass of red roses in a black urn-shaped vase.

Another house I visited had a purple tablecloth, everything was served in shiny copper pans and the table decoration was another copper pan piled high with a pyramid of asparagus, cabbages, carrots, tomatoes, pimientos—every coloured vegetable imaginable.

Newest idea for kitchen tables—the pie-filled tablecloth of cheap printed cotton. The best I have seen was black with a small yellow medallion print with a nine-inch full round in the centre.

THAT FRENCH GUILF IN

ACTION

THE Regine, in St Germain-des-Freres, favourite night club of Francoise Sagan, hands out free lollipops for customers.

Regine, the owner, says this makes most people friendly—and very very thirsty.

KAY THE GAY

KAY KENDALL—brilliant spot in the Ritz bar in a round a sim's straw hat, looking like a "highness-up delay" shining new mint cream—in a

playing the drum in a

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YESTERDAY'S SOCCER HONGKONG SELECTION DRAW ONE-ALL WITH KOREANS

The second game of the Korean series was played at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday afternoon. It had a bit of everything and a lot of what it had wasn't a football delicacy. The teams finished level at one goal all but in the achievement of that nominal result we were subjected to a sit-down strike by the visitors . . . the best goal I have seen in many years . . . and some of the worst refereeing in just as long.

In order to keep everything in perspective let's take first things first. The Hongkong Selection played better than even their most enthusiastic supporters could have hoped. They were every bit as good as the Koreans and the result does not flatter them in any way . . . even if the visitors will long maintain that it does.

The highlight of the first half was Hongkong's goal. It came in the 21st minute when a long lob was dropped just inside the Korean penalty area. There were five defenders packed in front of the goal but I doubt if any one of them saw the ball as Lo Kwok-tai met it on the volley and literally sent it into the net like a bullet. It was a glorious goal . . . the sort a player scores once in a lifetime and never tires of telling his friends and grandchildren about in the years that follow . . . and Lo Kwok-tai will never have to exaggerate to make this one a story worth retelling.

Moments Of Merit

Other first half moments of merit were a 35 yard pile drive from Yiu Kwang-chun, the Korean left half, which crashed against the home crossbar with the goalkeeper completely beaten . . . and later when another brilliant Korean header was magnificently saved by Lau Kin-cheung. The fireworks . . . and I don't mean the thousands exploded in appreciation or decision by the spectators . . . came in the

second half. Hongkong lost the place for a time and eventually they lost a bad goal. In the preamble Yiu Kwang-chun forced Lau Kin-cheung to make a brilliant save to prevent a fine try from finding the net. In saving the goalkeeper conceded a corner and that proved to be a costly affair. As the kick came over Lau Kin-cheung failed completely to go for the ball and little Woo Sang-ikwan reeled in and nodded the ball into the net. It was a brilliant bit of opportunism by the Korean forward but it was caused by Lau Kin-cheung's rank bad goalkeeping.

Piled On

The visitors now piled on the pressure and in a desperate defensive moment it seemed very much as though a Hongkong defender had handled the ball to keep it out of the goal. It looked all over a penalty kick but referee Sammy Woo decided it was a corner. The Koreans were up in arms. They simply ignored the official and held a private protest meeting in the middle of the field. Apparently the referee and his decision for the visitors refused to carry on . . . but eventually, after several warnings from the man with the whistle, they condescended to resume.

There was a lot of sympathy for the Koreans when they were not awarded a penalty . . . they destroyed every shred of that feeling by their subsequent behaviour. The temperamental Latins have nothing on the cranky and crusty Koreans. A few minutes later worse was to follow. A couple of Hongkong's defenders decided to introduce a spot of handball to the proceedings. They did their act in the forbidden penalty area and this time even the referee seemed convinced it was a penalty kick. He blew his whistle and pointed with due dramatics to the spot.

Not On Your Life
A penalty? . . . not on your life. He held a long 100-yards kick with a linesman and found some justification for changing his decision and awarding a free kick to Hongkong. Quite apart from anything else the referee was about 25 yards nearer the position of the supposed infringement than the linesman . . . but it was just one more example of the low standard of refereeing we had to accept. The advantage rule was never used and some of the off-side decisions brought crackers and catcalls from the crowd.

Taken over the piece a draw was probably a fair result. The Koreans will disagree but they get no marks for their conduct. From a Hongkong point of view special mention must be made of Lo Pak and Mendum who struck up an excellent right-flank understanding. Lam Sheng-yoo who did grand work at centre-half, and Lo Kwok-tai and Leung Wei-hung who were the mainstays of an attack which the Koreans never really subdued.

Verdict

Entertaining, controversial, . . . and in parts regrettable. The game served to do two things. It emphasized once again how fortunate we are in the general conduct of our players . . . and it underlined the dire necessity for some urgent uplift in our standard of refereeing. This one can be pinned up in the archives alongside the first game against Wacker.

—J. M. MacTAVISH

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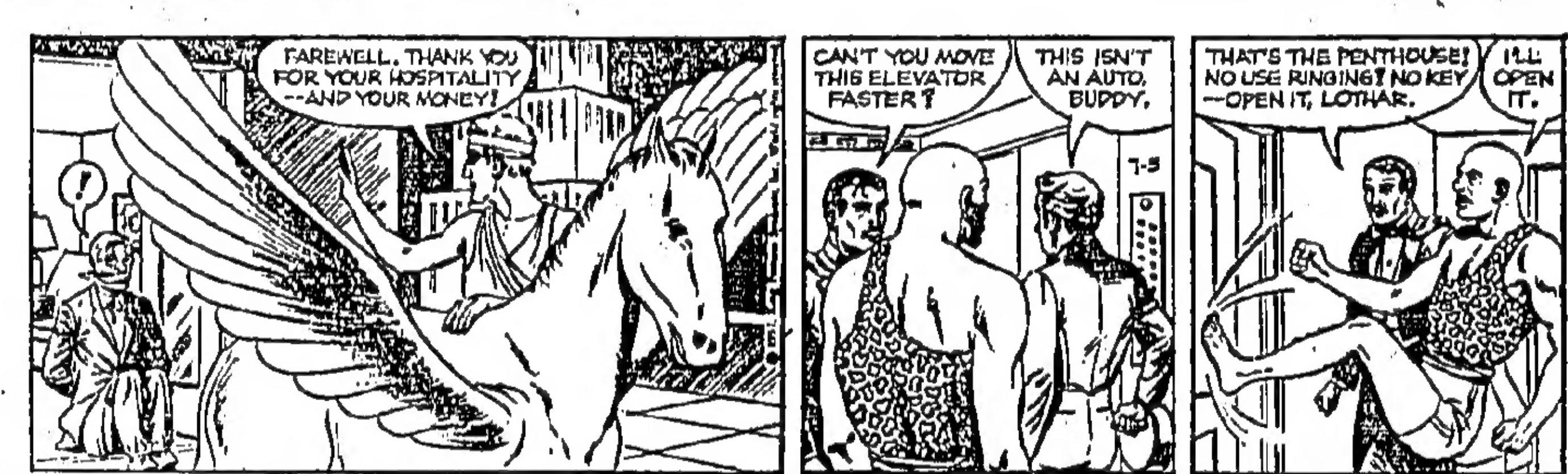
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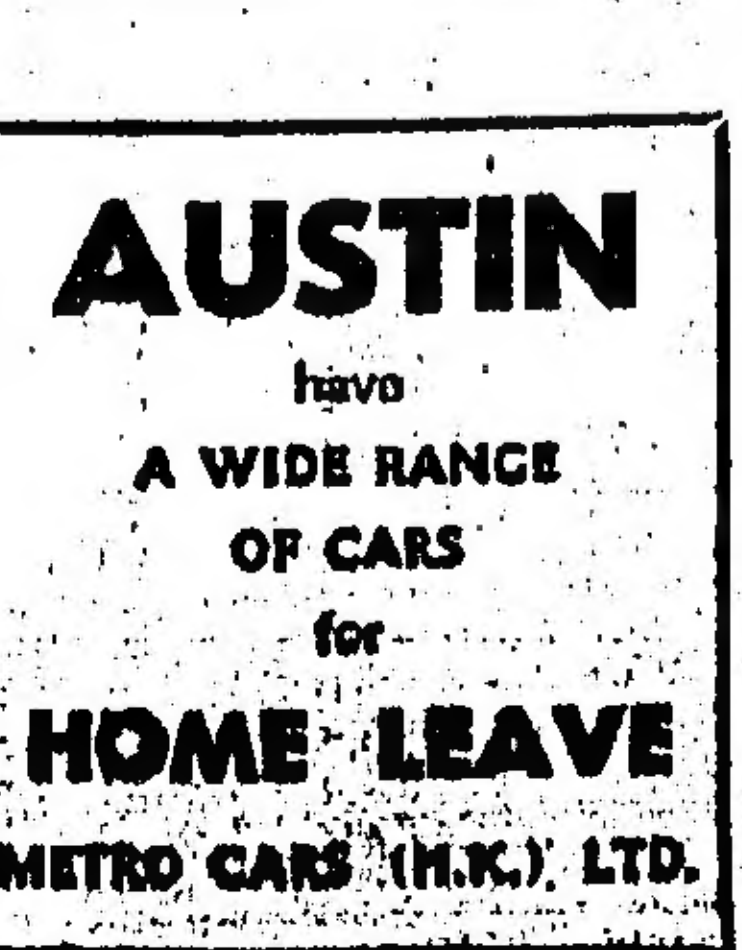
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"MINDORO"	(Sailed)	6th May

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Ship	Sails	Arrives
"JAPAN"	20th Feb.	25th Mar.
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"KYOTO"	MID APRIL	29th Apr.
"CEYLON"	27th Apr.	29th Apr.

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AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS BEATEN

Coventry, Feb. 19.
The Australian Rugby Union team suffered their 12th defeat when they were beaten by Midland Counties 8-3 in the last match of their tour in England.

The powerful Midlands team, which contained four English internationals and a number of trialists, thus registered their first win over a touring side for 30 years.
After leading 3-0 at half time, they clinched the match with a splendid try by full-back Fenwick Allison, which was converted from the touch-line by G. Cole.

The Midlands did a lot of the attacking and their backs seemed better able to cope with the slippery conditions than the Australians.
Cole put the Midlands ahead after 18 minutes with a penalty goal. Nine minutes after the interval Mr. Harvey kicked a penalty goal for the tourists, and six minutes later Allison crossed for the Midlands—China Mail Special.

Washbrook To Lead Lancashire

London, Feb. 19.
Cyril Washbrook, the 43-year-old Test selector and former England batsman, will again lead Lancashire County this summer.

Washbrook expects to have the regular assistance of R. V. Barber, the Cambridge Blue—France-Press.

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Women's Cricket Washout

Melbourne, Feb. 19.
The match between the English women's cricket team and Victoria was abandoned before midday at the St Kilda Cricket Ground today.

The ground was flooded by a heavy storm.
This is the fourth of eight matches the visiting team has played in Australia to be interrupted by rain.

At stumps yesterday Victoria was none for six in reply to England's first innings of four for 103, declared—China Mail Special.

Singapore Swimmers

Melbourne, Feb. 19.
Three Singapore swimmers living in Melbourne may compete in the Asian Games at Tokyo later this year.

They are Ong Choon-kin, Koh Seow-chuan, and David Lim.
The swimmers will ask the Amateur Swimming Union of Australia to send a list of their performance to Singapore and hope that selection will follow.
Koh Seow-chuan has been competing in backstroke events in Melbourne for the past year, but a major title has escaped him—Reuter.

Tommy Romulo Wins On KO

Sydney, Feb. 17.
Tommy Romulo, Filipino lightweight, made an auspicious Australian debut here tonight, knocking out Russell Sands, a contender for the Australian title, in the seventh round.
It was one of the most vicious fights seen at the Sydney Stadium for many years. Sands was down five times before he was finally counted out—four times in the sixth round.
Both boxers scaled 134½ lbs.—Reuter.

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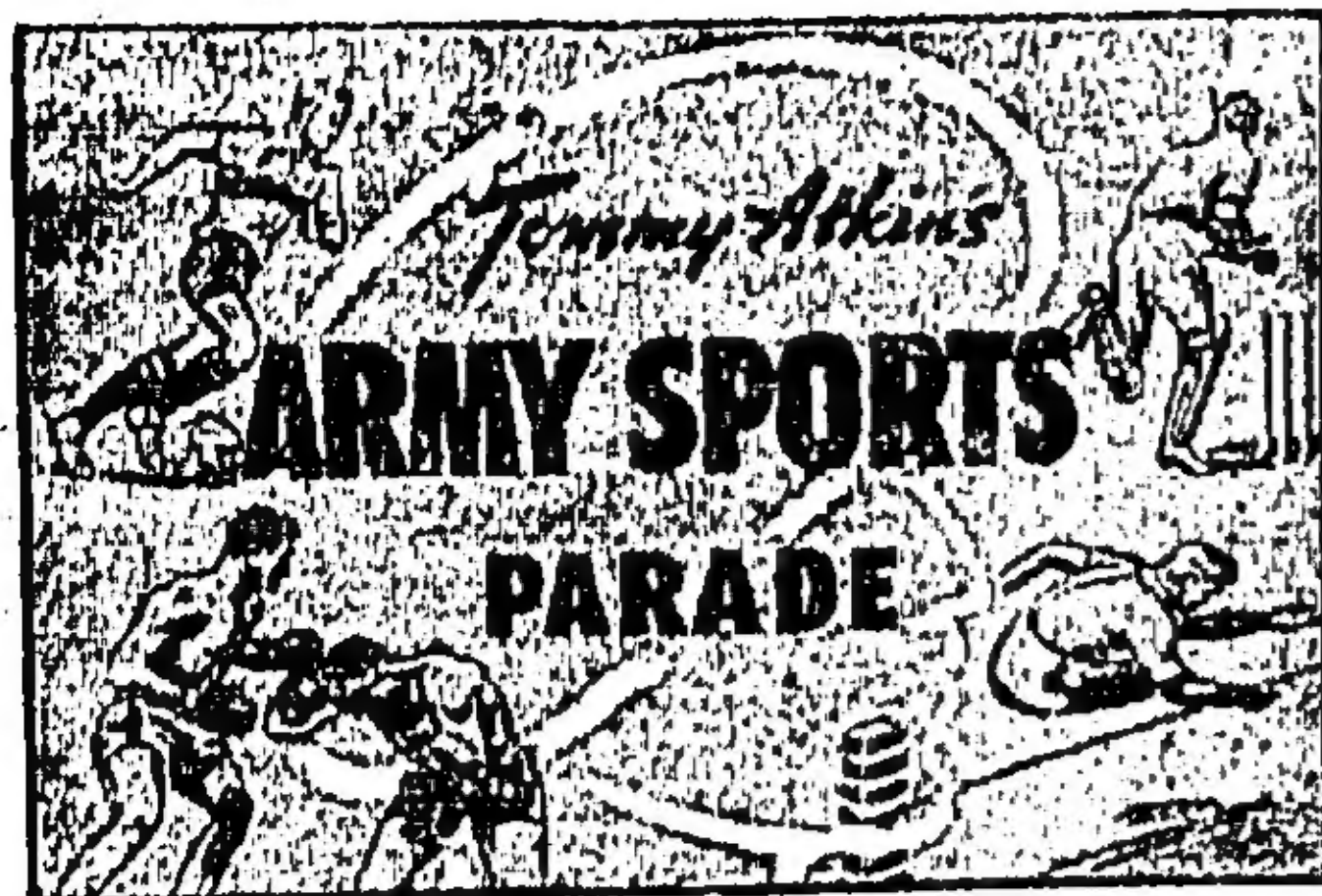
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The top spot this week is reserved for that grand cricketing side, Army North, who by a brilliant six-wicket victory over the Royal Navy resumed their proper place in the First Division League—on top. With a two-point advantage over their close rivals, the "Scorpions", and with seven matches still to play, no relaxation will be possible and every game will be of vital interest.

After a short spell in the doldrums, when they lost to RAF and the Scorpions, they have now regained their winning way and, with sister team Army South giving a helping hand occasionally by defeating close rivals, they look set to take the honours gained last season by Army South. Admirably led by Major Lionel Barker, they have a wealth of talent to call on and in listing the players I find it difficult to know where to start as each and every one plays an important part in the eleven whose success can truly be said to be due to team spirit.

The Team

Opening the innings is as good a way to start as any and this is usually done by Major Tony Kingston, a left-handed batsman, who can be relied upon to get the team off to a good start, and in addition the latter "doubles" as a capable wicket keeper with, I should imagine, east-end hands as he has to glove the express deliveries of Drum Major John Higginbottom, who with his keen eye and football still in his mind, is a real find for the team to turn out on Saturday.

Lieut. Colonel S. I. Howard-Jones, I/RTR, is a fine all-rounder and has, I understand, played Minor County cricket at home, while Lieut. John Watts of the same regiment is just coming back into form after a lean period with the bat.

Pte Furness of the I/E Lan R. is a batsman at the top of the averages, and the side possesses a formidable array of bowlers in Sgt. Lea of 24 Field Rgt., RE, Lieut. Clifton, REME, and Cpl. Lelliot, RE, not forgetting the amazing Pte. Paul Rucce, I/E Lan R. With a reserve strength of merit in the "B" eleven, Army North have every chance of pulling off the Senior Division Championship. Keep it up, "North".

In the knock-out competition, the side has been a little under the weather, but the various events will be battled for during the next couple of weeks and some exciting cricket is in store.

Hockey Cup Final

The match for the Army (HK) Hockey Association Championship Cup between Hongkong Signal Rgt., winners of the Major Units competition, and the C.O.D., who took the Minor Units title after a lot of practice, was played at Sookunpoo last Friday and almost went to extra time, so tense were the Ordinance XI.

The game opened with a bang, Cpl. Grierson of the Signals left wing putting them one up with a good shot after two minutes, and the forecast of a ten-goal victory seemed assured.

COD had other ideas, however, and prompted by the indefatigable Major Gordon Newark at centre half, they had their individually superior opponents more than a little worried.

It was this attitude that almost proved disastrous for the Signals as they appeared to concentrate on not losing instead of playing hockey, and with the "Ord" side having almost as much of the play, the C.O.D. were the more successful team. The game was a real battle, and the end of what was a rather dull game.

For the winners I started the play of right half Capt. Philip Bullard, who kept a very cool head throughout, and his defensive play, coupled with the excellent passes to his forwards, was particularly noticeable. Goalkeeper Sgt. Ross did a few things of brilliance, while Sgt. Cave at centre-half was very steady.

The losers were well served by a goal by Major Gordon Newark who I have yet to see play a poor game. In goal WO Hogan made many notable saves and backs Capt. Mayo and cricketer Sgt. McKelvey got through an amazing amount of work with credit.

Transport difficulties look like postponing the proposed visit of the winning teams from Singapore and Malaya, which is a pity because I think this will be our year. Certainly the Army team will take a lot of beating, and our unit representatives, the HK Signal Rgt., are a really good unit side.

Soccer Cup Replay

In the replay of their Cup match, Command Pay Office and Command Workshops REME produced much better football

NINE WORLD RECORDS BROKEN AT AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Melbourne, Feb. 18.

Nine world swimming records—including six today—have so far been broken in the Australian Championships here—and more records are expected before the Championships are concluded at the weekend.

Leading the record-smashing squad is 19-year-old Sydney "giant" John Monckton.

The 6 ft. 6 in. Sydney back stroke swimmer, set new times for the 100 Metres and 110 Yards on Saturday and swam the back stroke leg of the record-breaking 4 x 110 Yards Medley Relay for his state, New South Wales.

Today, Monckton set new records for the 200 Metres and 220 Yards when winning the Australian 220 Yards Back Stroke title.

He now holds the world records for all officially-recognised back stroke distances.

Konrads Again

Jon Konrads, 15-year-old "wonder" schoolboy who was born in Latvia, broke his own world records for the 400 Metres and 440 Yards Free Style in winning the 440 Yards title. He is also world record-holder at 200 Metres and 220 Yards and 800 Metres and 880 Yards.

And his coach still persists that Jon is really only preparing for the Empire Games in Cardiff in July.

The other records beaten today were in the final of the Women's 110 Yards Free Style Championship. Twenty-year-old Olympic Champion Dawn Fraser, who won the title, beat her own records for the 100 Metres and 110 Yards.

Now Figures

Today's records and previous times were:

Monckton: 200 Metres and 220 Yards Back Stroke—2 mins 10.4 secs. (Previous best for both distances—2:18.8 by Monckton.)

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Wolves Draw Bolton In Cup Quarter-Finals

London, Feb. 17.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, leaders of the English First Division, have one of the hardest ties in the quarter-finals of the Football Association Cup, the draw for which was made here tonight.

Wolves, chasing the double of Cup and League Championship, are away to Bolton Wanderers, a quietly effective side capable of causing an upset.

Whatever the results of the quarter-finals, to be played on March 1, two Second Division clubs are sure to get through to the semi-finals.

Two of the quarter-final ties are also Second Division matches—Barnham v. Bristol Rovers and the winners of the replay between Blackburn Rovers and Cardiff City v. Liverpool.

Manchester United, hard hit by the Munich air disaster, will have a difficult quarter-final match if they get through their fifth round tie against Sheffield Wednesday, postponed to Wednesday.

The winners of this match are drawn away in the quarter-finals against the survivors of the Sheffield United v. West Bromwich Albion replay.

The draw is as follows: Fulham v. Bristol Rovers; Sheffield United v. West Bromwich Albion v. Manchester United or Sheffield Wednesday.

Cardiff City or Blackburn Rovers v. Liverpool.

Bolton Wanderers v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The matches are to be played on March 1.—Reuter.

ATHLETES TO VISIT FAR EAST

New York, Feb. 10.

Two American athletics teams will visit Middle and Far East countries this spring, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) announced today.

The two teams, each of five men, will leave New York March 24 and return on April 23.

One team will visit Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia and Korea. The other will go to Turkey, Greece, Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m. Nothing but Music. Memories of the Nineteen Forties. Roger Williams (piano). 1. Time Music. Nothing but Music (cont'd). 1.15. Weather Report: 1.15. News Special Announcement. 1.30. From the Shows: "High Button Shoes". Sung by the principals of the Broadway production. The show conducted by Bill Rosenstock. 1.45. For the very young compiled and introduced by Mavis. 2. Close Down. 3.30. Thursday Club introduced by Robert Ashton. 4. Time Signal. Portuguese Half Hour: 0.30. Record Round About: 0.55. Weather Report: Time Signal. The News: 1.10. Commentary: 1.15. Quiet Listening: No. 3 with Hector Chauvin at the organ. 1.20. Talking about Books: "A winter away" by Elizabeth Fair. Sublime Tobacco by Bill Rosenstock. 1.30. The "Hollywood" series conducted by John Van Druen. Reviewed by Paul Van Druen. 1.35. The "Hollywood" series conducted by Paul Van Druen. 1.40. The "Hollywood" series conducted by Paul Van Druen. 1.45. The "Hollywood" series conducted by Paul Van Druen. 1.50. 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CHINA MAIL

Page 12 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1958.

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NEW BALLPOINT
STERLING SILVER TIP

A Boisterous Welcome For Queen Mother.

Brisbane, Feb. 19. Sixty thousand Brisbane school-children roared a boisterous welcome to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother as she drove round two Brisbane stadiums in an open landau today.

Heavy monsoon rain which poured down on the children for over an hour before dawn cleared just before the Queen Mother appeared.

On the second day of her Queensland tour, the Queen Mother drove down the lines of cheering flag-waving children.

INSTRUCTIONS

The children obeyed instructions not to mob her carriage, but as it passed they broke formation to rush to another part of the arena for a second look as she waved and smiled.

Later today the Queen Mother will motor to a historic country homestead at Coorin, 58 miles from here and spend the night there after civic receptions at Ipswich and Boonah on the way.

At an immigrants' housing centre between Brisbane and Ipswich, 1,000 migrants greeted the Queen Mother's passing with shouts of "God Save The Queen" in 15 languages.—*Reuter.*

Jam Session At The University

THE Music Club of the Hongkong University is conducting a jam session at the Union canteen on Saturday afternoon.

The show which is open to the public, free, will start at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow and last for about two hours.

Music will be provided by local jazz clubs and on hand to entertain will be Vic's Sextette, Cello's Quintet Moderne, Miss Carmen Soriano and Miss Elvira Del Rio, well-known vocalists.

SCOUT LAW IN MALAY

Singapore, Feb. 19. Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs throughout Malaya have been asked to learn their Scout and Cub promises in Malay.

The new Malayan Scout promise will read: "To do my duty to God and Raja (King of Malaya, and rulers of independent states) and to the head of the Commonwealth of Nations; To help other peoples at all times; and to obey the Scout Law."—*Reuter.*

Rare Stamps Stolen

London, Feb. 19. Scotland Yard asked all British stamp collectors to be on the lookout for 31 rare Australian stamps stolen from the Mitchell Library, Sydney, which are believed to have been smuggled here.

London is the centre of the world stamp business.

The stamps include several early Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmanian specimens.—*United Press.*

Firecrackers

More than 30 persons who celebrated Chinese New Year by wantonly discharging firecrackers, were fined at Magistrates' Court in Kowloon and Hongkong yesterday.

The offenders included a US airman and two British soldiers. They were fined sums ranging from \$10 to \$25.

Variety Show

A number of British servicemen and their civilian friends are going on board the US aircraft carrier Kearsarge this evening to give a variety show to entertain the ship's complement on a social assignment.

The "concert" includes several girls and the show will last from 7 to about 8.30 p.m.

Complaint In The House Of Commons 'Hongkong Competition Too Tough'

The British Cotton Industry Can't Match Low Wages

London, Feb. 18. A Labour M.P., Mr John Rankin, complained in the House of Commons today that British cotton workers could not meet the lower-wage competition from Hongkong.

Mr Rankin asked what proportion of the total production of cotton goods in Hongkong suitable for the British market was exported in the form of unfinished, grey unbleached and finished fabrics respectively.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, said he would circulate the reply later as it contained a number of figures.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade except through Britain.

"We ought to think very seriously before we change our historic policy," he said.—*Reuter.*

Minimum Wage

Unless the Secretary of State urged the Hongkong government to establish a minimum living wage, British workers could not live up to that type of competition.

Mr Lennox-Boyd reminded Mr Rankin that Britain had certain obligations to British colonies which had no independent economic existence at the moment.

FOREIGN AID:

IKK ASKS CONGRESS FOR MORE FUNDS

Thomasville, Feb. 19. President Eisenhower today asked Congress for \$604,500,000 in defence support economic aid for Turkey, Korea, Vietnam and Formosa next fiscal year in addition to the undisclosed slice these countries will get from the \$1,800,000,000 requested for direct military aid.

The \$604,500,000 in defence support aid was 70 per cent of the total of \$855,000,000 of this type of assistance asked for 12 countries who need economic assistance because of the necessity to support military forces beyond their fiscal capability.

The request was one of a number contained in the President's message to Congress asking a total of \$3,942,000,000 (B) in funds for the mutual security programme during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

REFLECTS

The large proportion of defence support funds going to these four nations reflected the American Government's desire to help them maintain large indigenous armies because of their geographical locations adjoining big Communist build-ups.

In his plea for defence support funds, Eisenhower said: "For defence support I request \$835 million to go to twelve countries that are supporting substantial military forces. These funds are needed to enable the recipient countries to make a mutual agreed contribution to our common military effort."

"This amount is substantially what I requested last year for support to these same twelve countries."—*United Press.*

Britain's Help For Hongkong's European Refugees

London, Feb. 19. The British Government is to give \$25,000 towards the cost of resettling European refugees from China now in Hongkong, the House of Commons was told today.

Mr David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said the money would go to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mr Ormsby-Gore said the 1958 financial resources for this work would depend on how others responded to the High Commissioner's appeal for funds.

ENOUGH?

Mr John Rankin, a Labour Member, asked whether \$25,000 was enough "in view of the magnitude of the problem."

The Minister replied that this must be considered in relation to other commitments to refugees all over the world.

"I think this contribution we are making will set a good example," he added.

In the House of Commons today, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, was asked how many refugees in Hongkong were of European origin and of what nationality.

He replied that about 1,000 European refugees were known to be in Hongkong. Most of them Russians, some were Poles, Hungarians or Czechs. Just over 10,000 such refugees had passed through Hongkong since February, 1952.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-REDS TO VISIT HONGKONG

Seoul, Feb. 19. The Government Office of Public Information today said a 200-member goodwill mission led by Mr Kong Chin Heng, chairman of the Korean chapter of the Asian Anti-Communist League will leave on a 59-day tour of South-East Asian countries on February 22.

The mission is scheduled to visit Hongkong, Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, Manila, Taipei and Keelung aboard a former naval landing ship.

The 200-member mission includes 102 crew members. The vessel will carry South Korean products to exhibit at ports of entry.—*Reuter.*

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Are you getting old and crochety? When they were in grade school you loved to answer their questions!"

A Gruesome Find At KCR Station

THE decapitated body of a young Chinese man was found yesterday morning at the Kowloon Railway Terminus.

The headless body was discovered after the 10.05 a.m. special diesel had left for Shaolin. The man's body was found sprawled across the train track at the station, while the head was found some yards away.

Police are making enquiries.

When found, the man was clutching some dollar notes and a train ticket in his hand.

NEW YEAR ON QUEMOY SHATTERED

Taipei, Feb. 19. Chinese guns interrupted the New Year celebrations on the offshore island of the Quemoy group.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry announced today that 71 rounds were fired onto Quemoy and Kaotung last night but caused no damage.

The ministry also admitted the loss of a plane on a leaflet-dropping mission over the China mainland yesterday. The type and number of crew aboard was not disclosed.—*Reuter.*

Bomb Blasts

New Delhi, Feb. 19. Six people have been killed and 17 injured in bomb explosions in Kashmir in the last eight months, Mr Nehru told Parliament today.

The Prime Minister said 35 people arrested in connection with the explosions had admitted using "links of Pakistan intelligence."—*Reuter.*

Ash Wednesday

Vatican City, Feb. 19. The Pope today marked the sign of the Cross in ashes on his forehead as a sign of penance on Ash Wednesday which opened the period of Lent—40 days of prayer, fasting and penitence before Easter.

The Pope, who will be 62 on March 3, applied the ashes himself while saying his early morning Mass in the little chapel of his private apartment on the top floor of the Vatican Palace.—*Reuter.*

The Frozen Antarctic COVERED BY ICE-SHEET 8,000 FEET THICK

AN expedition from Australia's Antarctic base at Mawson has returned to base with proof that Antarctica is covered by an unbroken "ice sheet" varying in thickness from about 9,000 feet to at least 8,000 feet.

The survey party, which left Mawson on November 9 and returned last Monday, consisted of six Australians and one Kiwi—geologist Michael Mellow of Otago.

The survey took the party 400 miles southward over the frozen Antarctic highlands. They measured an ice thickness of more than 8,000 feet at their furthest point south, and reported there were signs that still further south the ice was more than two miles thick.

The expedition used seismic and gravitational methods to obtain evidence, and were also able to produce a complete contour diagram of the hidden land and rock surface of the Continent over the route they took.

A message briefly summarizing the safe return of the party added: "All men OK but had several misadventures."—*Reuter.*

Hongkong Delegate To PATA Talks

Freddie Clemo 'Invades' US Fashion Show

Santa Barbara, Feb. 19. A colourful Pacific fashion show, featuring models showing feminine attire in the Far East, was "invaded" yesterday by a Hongkong male model, tourist agency official Frederick C. Clemo.

Clema, taking advantage of the fact yesterday is Chinese New Year's Day, appeared at the show in complete Mandarin outfit to win applause from the hundreds of delegates attending the seventh annual Pacific Area Travel Association conference in session here all this week.

LOTS TO SEE

Clema, who is managing director of Hongkong Tours & Travel Service Ltd., which handles some 300 to 400 tourists each month, is on a tour of the entire United States for the purposes of furthering interest in the U.S. in visiting Hongkong.

"We've got many things to see in our lovely city," he asserted. "We are managing to handle the present tourist influx, except for the months of October and November, for the most part, and within one or two years we should have all the accommodations we need."

Clema is one of three Hongkong delegates to the talks, which is figuring ways and means of attracting more tourists into the Pacific area in 1958.—*United Press.*

The proposal, made in a Soviet Government statement, is a development of Poland's "Raspaki Plan" put forward last October seeking a ban on nuclear weapons in East and West Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Soviet Government declared its readiness to "undertake the obligation to respect the status of a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe."

It said the decision was contingent on the governments of Britain, the United States and France undertaking a similar obligation.—*Reuter.*

HK NURSES IN BRITAIN

London, Feb. 19. During the past five years 410 young women have come to Britain from Hongkong for training as nurses and 275 for other forms of training.

Mr John Profumo, Colonial Under-Secretary, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

Of these 23 nursing trainees are known to have returned and six presumed to have returned, he said.

Fifty-three other trainees or students were known to have returned and ten presumed to have done so.

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"It is probable that many more will in fact have returned but as most of these are private students the figures are not fully known," he added.

Mr Reginald Sorenson (Labour), who had raised the subject, also asked how many had been sponsored for training in Britain during the same period.

Mr Profumo said no young women had been sponsored by the Hongkong Government for training as nurses in countries other than the United Kingdom.—*Reuter.*

Mr and Mrs George Manden returned to the Colony yesterday by BOAC from London, via Singapore.

Far Eastern Fleet Exercise This Week

Singapore, Feb. 19. Units of the British Far Eastern Fleet exercise this week in the South China Sea.

Ships taking part are the British cruisers Newfoundland and Newcastle and the New Zealand cruiser Royalist, the British destroyers Cheviot, Cavalier and Conestoga, and the Australian Voyager and Waraminga.

A Navy spokesman said the exercise would last a week, and would involve gunnery, radar, signal, anti-aircraft and aircraft carrier training.

Canberra jet bombers from the Royal Air Force were also likely to take part.—*Reuter.*

CABLE BRIEFS

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Feb. 19. Safecrackers got away with £2,700 yesterday after dynamite safe in an egg-packing plant.

None of several thousand eggs in the plant was damaged.—*United Press.*

Milan, Feb. 19. Thief Alessandro Alongo, 43, thanked police today for arresting him.

Alongo was caught red-handed stealing money from a fruit vendor's stand and tried to escape by swimming across the River Sesio. A policeman jumped in and saved him when he got into difficulties and shouted for help.—*United Press.*

Dundee, Feb. 19. Authorities today issued a driver's licence to Patrick McCafferty, who is deaf and dumb.

McCafferty received 20 silent lessons by hand signs from an instructor and was tested by a Transport Ministry inspector who knows the sign language. He is unable to hear a horn, but claims he can tell if another vehicle is approaching by the vibration.—*United Press.*

Burnley, Feb. 19. Robert E. Evans, 41, charged with counterfeiting £1 notes, told police "I only made them when I was pressed for money."—*United Press.*

Helsinki, Feb. 19. Getting married gives Finns an appetite, a two-year social study disclosed today.

Contrary to popular opinion that marriage will reduce the food budget, the survey showed that an average family of four consumes more than four single persons.—*United Press.*

London, Feb. 19. The Minister of Croydon Parish Church hoped for more cigarette packages in his collection box.

He said he was on the point of throwing one out the other day when he opened it and found it contained £50 in notes.—*United Press.*

Lille, Feb. 19. Police said today they were holding Abel Fauchet, 30, a part-time scrap-metal collector, for cutting a 15-foot section out of the Lille-Tourcoing telephone cable and completely interrupting phone service between the two cities.—*United Press.*

Castro Verde, Feb. 19. A 35-year-old spy was held today for investigation of complaints that he promised, for fees ranging up to the equivalent of \$32, to make cash in first prize in the national lottery.

The man, who is married and has two children, was charged with ensuring the return of errand boys and other demons from people.—*United Press.*

US MOTHERS REPORT ON THEIR TRIP TO CHINA

Washington, Feb. 19. Mothers of two Americans imprisoned by China told a top State Department official of their recent trip to China to visit their sons in gaol.

The two women were Mrs Mary W. Downey of New Britain, Connecticut and Mrs Ruth Redmond, of Yonkers, New York.

The two imprisoned men are John Thomas Downey, formerly a civilian employee of the Army, and Hugh F. Redmond, a former member of an export-import firm.

A third mother who travelled with Mrs Downey and Mrs Redmond did not make the call on Assistant Secretary of State Walter B. Robertson.

The State Department said Mrs Downey and Mrs Redmond told Robertson they received "kind and hospitable treatment" from the Chinese during their trip to Peking.

Robertson said it was "regrettable that their long trip failed to win freedom for their sons."

He noted that the two men, like four other Americans still held in Chinese gaols, are being kept in China in violation of a Chinese "commitment" of September 13, 1955, to permit all Americans in China to return to the United States.—*United Press.*

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